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·Chechen horrors shame Yeltsin

Rout of Army spoils President's big day

HELEN WOMACK Moscow CARLOTTA GALL

Chechen rebels heaped humiliation on President Boris Yeltsin yesterday, trapping his army in Grozny as he promised in an inaugural oath to protect his peo-ple and uphold the security of

After seizing large parts of the Chechen capital, besieging government buildings and pinning down thousands of Russan soldiers, the rebels began to withdraw from the city by nightfall, satisfied that they had ruined Mr Yeltsin's big day.

The inauguration ceremony, the first such event since Tsar Nicholas II's coronation in 1896, was largely overshadowed by the fighting in Chechnya, where rebels caught the Russians flatfooted last Tuesday by storming into Grozuv.

Refugees were flooding out of the city last night, as new rebel units moved in. The sky was black with the smoke of burning oil from the refinery outside the city. Russian jets and helicopters circled overhead. and loud explosions could be heard. There were reports that the rebels had seized armoured vehicles from the Russians and were using them to repel fresh

attempts to seize back the city. Last night Russian officials and Chechen leaders were discussing a ceasefire, so that civilians and the wounded could be evacuated. The Russian government, clearly angry at the timing of the offensive, said: Bandits armed to the teeth are robbing and killing peaceful civilians, continuing the genocide against their own people."

Russian commanders in Chechnya have sought to crush the rebels with months and months of air and artillery strikes, but the rebel leaders remain confident that they can continue a "hit-and-run"

guerrilla war indefinitely. Even the reported death in April of their president, Dzhokhar Du-dayev, has failed to break their

moment of the inauguration.

Chechen leadership that was supposed to lead to the phased withdrawal of Russian forces starting next month. However, the fighting resumed almost as soon as Mr Yeltsin won re-election, and the rebels accusehim of arranging the truce purely to

improve his poll prospects.

The frail president, attending ian Orthodox Patriarch.

left unanswered many questions about his ability to govern Russia and to implement the programme of political and economic reform on which he won re-election. However, guests who attended a Kremlin banquet afterwards said he had looked in better shape and had given a speech longer than the oath of office, which he took 45 seconds to pronounce. One Western guest said. "He made a toast and gave a speech. Then he had a few glasses of cham-pagne and he actually looked fairly sprightly when he walked

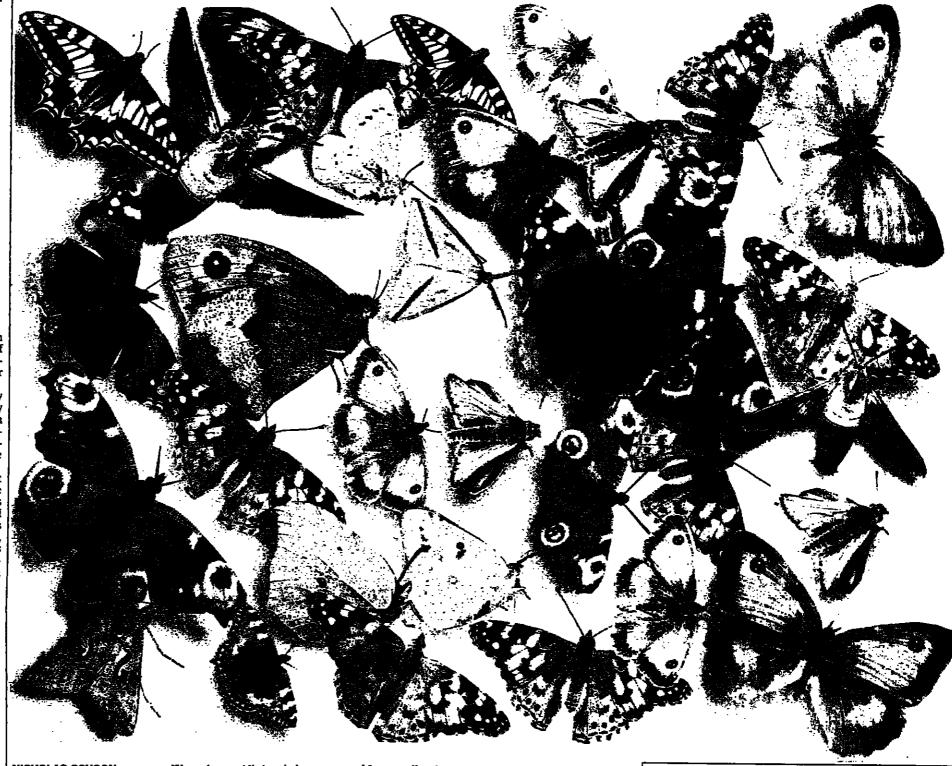
nerve or disrupt their unity. Rebel commanders said they intended to pull out of the city and return to their mountain strongholds during the weekend, having successfully ex-posed Russia's weakness at the

Last June, the President agreed a truce with the

a public ceremony for the first time since the election on 3 hely spoke slowly and moved stiffly as he was sworn in for a fouryear term that many Russians doubt he will complete. Said by one of his closest aides to be suffering from "colossal weariness", he stood on the flag- and flower-bedecked stage of the Kremlin palace for 16 minutes as he took his oath and was blessed by Alexiy II, the Russ-

His lackiustre appearance

Painted ladies make for a butterfly summer



NICHOLAS SCHOON

Even if there's no Indian summer this year, a butterfly one seems certain. Lepidoptera have enjoyed a vintage year in

The greatest gainers are the painted lady butterfly and the Silver Y moth. They arrived in force from northern Africa and southern Europe in the early summer, have gone through one life-cycle and are now working hard to complete their second.

Several other migrant moths, including the gigantic convul-vulus hawk moth with its fourinch wing span, are also here in Rebel onslaught, page 8 larger numbers than usual. So Leading article, page 11 is the clouded yellow butterfly. larger numbers than usual. So

Warm days and little rain have part of June, earlier than usu-

"It's got all the hallmarks of being an extremely good year," said Dr Paul Waring of Butterfly Conservation, a wildlife charity. "As far as the migrants

Through the summer, nu-

ed ladies and Silvery Y's flew in from Europe during the first

further burst of adults is due. are concerned, the best is yet to

merous lepidoptera move north through Europe in waves. They can build up their numbers spectacularly by going through three, and sometimes even four. life-cycles, unlike a UK resident species, such as the orange tip, which will breed just once a

Large numbers of the paint-

al, helped by strong southern winds. Their caterpillars have become adults which have now had their own caterpillars, so a

But it will all be in vain, for very few can survive the British inter. The exception is the red admiral, which is also having a good year. It is mostly a migrant, although most people think that it is a native. But this species is known to "hack-migrate", with some flying south to warmer climes in the autumn. Several butterflies which are

permanent UK residents are also booming this summer, including the peacock, small tortoiseshell, the gatekeeper and the holly blue.

If pollution is warming Britain's climate, then several Continental species which are occasional summer visitors are likely to join them. The bloxsworth snout, a moth with a large nose, has shown the way. It used to be classed as a migrant, but

in the last few years it has set up several breeding colonies in Devon.

Conditions which benefit popular, colourful species can also favour pests. The Forestry Commission has been warning of severe infestations of the pine beauty moth in Scotland, an insect which can kill entire timber trees and spread explosively through plantations. And the Silver Y has fed on oil-seed rape crops in England.

Rail inquiry call An interim inquiry report into the Watford train crash should be published swiftly, Labour

denmanded yesterday, amid

growing concern that privatis-

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Bogsiders change march route

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

A little of the heat went out of the tense and expectant at-mosphere in Londonderry 1 esterday when Catholic Bogside residents agreed to reroute part of a march, to take

account of Protestant concerns. The move was welcomed by both Protestant and Catholic representatives, many of whom still fear trouble when 10,000 or more loyalist Apprentice Boys arrive in the city this morning.

A number of families have their children away, in anticiter the Drumcree crisis, but was mainly Catholic area. moved out of the city, or sent

and the RUC last month.

The Apprentice Boys have said the decision to ban marchers from a section of the city walls which overlooks the Bogside has caused anger in the Unionist community.

Despite the route concession, it was disclosed last night that hundreds of extra troops have been moved to Ulster in case rioting breaks. The 1st Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment was flown to Ulster last month af-

pation of possible violence. The city was the scene of serious clashes between nationalists and the RUC last month. later withdrawn. Troops began returning on Thursday and were fully operational today, the Army said. The extra troops boosted the total to 17,500.

In Londonderry, the army and police have put in place concrete bollards and razor wire to make sure the city's western wall is sealed off from both loyalists and nationalists.

Yesterday, the Bogside Residents Association responded to pressure from churchmen. politicians and Sinn Fein to steer last night's parade away from the Fountain estate, a small Protestant enclave within a

is only a few hundred yards from an Apprentice Boys hall. This followed appeals by the city's Catholic and Church of Ireland bishops. The latter, Dr James Mehaffey, said he told Bogside representatives that Protestants in the Fountain district felt vulnerable. The bishop said he was pleased they "have taken

aboard in a new way the civil rights of Protestants." Sinn Fein leaders Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness also called for a change in the

They also agreed not to very difficult time recognise march to the Diamond, which the fears of other groups." Some Unionist representatives dismissed the move as a tactic. Democratic Unionist councillor Gregory Campbell said it would not ease difficulties in the city today. In other quarters, however, there was relief that a step had been taken which might defuse tensions.

Meanwhile, the Northern Ireland Chamber of Commerce and Industry, warned that any repetition of the violence seen during and after the Drumcree stand-off could "wound Northroute. Mr McGuinness said: "It ern Ireland so deeply that it is essential that all of us in this would take years to recover".

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may involve man in dishonourable actions." But the rite fell into disuse until the Second Vatican Council reintroduced it in 1970. Since then the number of women choosing this path has

As recently as 1954 Pope Pius XII published an encyclinally, consecrated people were cal praising virginity, observing that: 'As a consequence of the fall of Adam the lower faculties of human nature are no longer obedient to right reason, and

irgins are discovered in ley, the first woman to take her "Give me one good reason why ANDREW BROWN I should," she replied. "Origi-

Religious Affairs Correspondent There are three in Essex - but none in Cardiff. Consecrated

virgins are appearing across the country, even in hostile territory. They are Roman Catholic women reviving one of the oldest customs of the Church. Next year there will be a service of thanksgiving in Plymouth Roman Catholic Cathvows as a consecrated virgin in this country after the tradition

was revived in 1970. The women can be thought of as "free-range nuns". They take vows at a public ceremony

edral to mark 25 years since the consecration of Elizabeth Bainot become a nun instead?

but work afterwards alone and almost anonymously, responsible only to their Bishop. "Two or three are almost hermits," Miss Bailey said yesterday. She herself took her vows

when she was 40. Why did she

pushed into convents because it wasn't possible for women to live on their own in the world. That's not true any longer." Church such women were ex-

Consecrated virgins have an ancient history. In the early tremely important. The bias against female sexuality made virgins seem to be the holiest of women, as well as the most

risen to about 100 in England.



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Three tourists kidnapped in South Africa

MARY BRAID Johannesburg and JOJO MOYES

Three tourists were reported to have been kidnapped vesterday, only two hours after flying in to Johannesburg Airport.

Police officials said they feared for the lives of the travellers, who were reported by their minibus driver to have been abducted by five armed

Hundreds of extra police were pulled into the city to search for the tourists, who were apparently travelling from Johannesburg International airport to a hotel in Sandton, one of Johannesburg's most affluent

The men were booked into the Sandton Sun Hotel under to reassure his worried passenthe name D Sutzalakssana, It is believed that the booking was made through American Express in London and that Mr Sutzalakssana comes from West and I said it was coming along Sussex, although American Ex- all right - not like before," said press refused to confirm this.

Chauffeur Driven Tours, the company which picked up the men, said his driver. Peter Manyekane, had been hijacked on the main M1 motorway in the city.
Mr Manyekane, who said he

had touted for the trip at the airport, was ordered out and they were driven off towards Alexandra township. Police found the minibus abandoned. There was no sign of the passengers or their luggage, but no traces of blood were found either. Mr Manyekane, 44, said the

Zulu-speaking armed men pointed guns at him before throwing him out of the vehicle and driving off with the three oc-He said the hijack took place just minutes after he had tried

gers that Johannesburg dubbed "the crime capital of Africa" - was becoming safer. 'They asked me how it was Mr Manyekane. He added that

Janusch Lyczynski, director of the attack had taken him and his three passengers by surprise. "We did not talk to each other, we were so scared," he said.

Manyekane said he had feared for his life in the attack and had frozen when he was hurled to the ground and robbed of his wallet. "There were many other cars, but no one came to help me," he said. Nearby residents had also been too scared to let him use their telephone to alert the police. Mr Lyczynski accused the

Alexandra police of reacting too slowly and of "asking too many useless questions". He asked why a police helicopter had not been summoned as the vehicle was clearly identifiable, with the registration number painted on the roof. But police spokesman Capt Deon Peens said the flying squad, the highway patrol and local police were scouring Alexandra.

The abduction is bad news for Johannesburg. A 1996 travel guide gives four highlights of any stay in Johannesburg. One of them is "not being mugged".



batons, died by "misadventure". | Sandhurst in Surrey yesterday Photograph: John Lawrence

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

iverpool City Council must shut down part of its in-house contract workforce after overspending its targets by nearly £5m, the Government said yesterday. The Labour authority with the highest council tax was warned that other in-house services also risk closure if they fail to meet targets.

The council's direct labour organisations overspent by nearly £5m in 1994/95, including about £3m on highways and sewer work. Other areas were buildings cleaning, schools and welfare catering, grounds maintenance and vehicle maintenance. Sir Paul Beresford, the Environment minister, yesterday ruled that the council must cease 60 per cent of its grounds maintenance work by next February.

The council, which is considering mounting a legal challenge, says 250-300 jobs are affected, though incoming private contractors would be obliged to offer jobs to existing

Pail unions and London Transport returned to talks at the conciliation service Acas yesterday after management made a new offer to solve the Tube drivers dispute. While the rail union RMT and the train drivers union Aslef dismissed the offer as one rejected in talks last week, both sides appeared keen to break the deadlock before the strike planned for Tuesday. London Transport again asked the unions to suspend strike action and attend arbitration at the wages board on 28 August. Louise Jury

The Prison Officers' Association was severely criticised by the unions' watchdog over ballot-rigging in last year's chairmanship elections. Neither candidate for the post was ruled at fault by the certification officer for the Trade Unions and Employers' Associations,, but the POA is now set to re-run the election at a cost of up to £60,000. Louise Jury

One of the Church of England's first female priests has been killed while on safari in Africa, the British High Commission disclosed yesterday. The Reverend Yvonne Irvine, 54, lost her footing and fell 75 feet at a waterfall in the Nyanga Mountains, Zimbahwe, last Wednesday. An inquest will be held into her death.

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Police will not face charges over the death of a Nigerian asylum seeker declared by an inquest jury to have beenunlawfully killed, the Crown Prosecution Service said last night. Shiji Lapite. 34, died of asphyxiation after being held in a neck-hold by plain-clothes police officers in north London in

turned the verdict that he had been unlawfully killed. The CPS was to consider the verdict and the two officers remain suspended, pending the results of a Police Complaints Authority inquiry. But last night the CPS said: "There is insufficient evidence to ensue any criminal proceedings in connection with

The inquest had heard that In January, an inquest jury at father-of-two Lapite had been

St Pancras Coroner's Court re- stopped for "acting suspiciousin Clapton by police officers, Paul Wright and Andrew Mc-Callum. They described "a violent struggle". His death was recorded as "asphyxiation, with a contributory cause of cocaine intoxication".

> quest jury decision that boxing promoter Brian Douglas, 33, faally injured in a clash with police armed with long-handled

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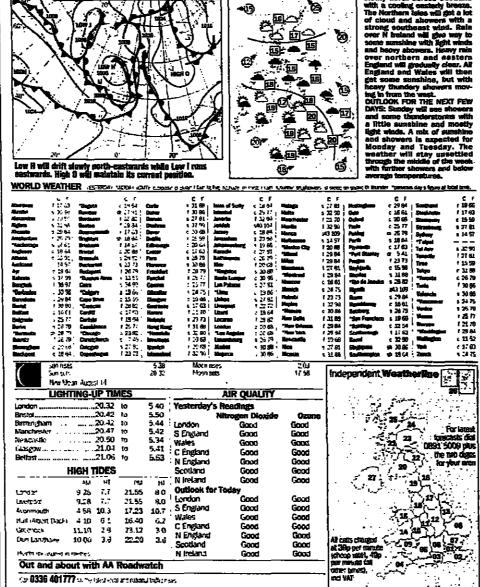
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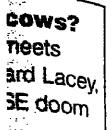
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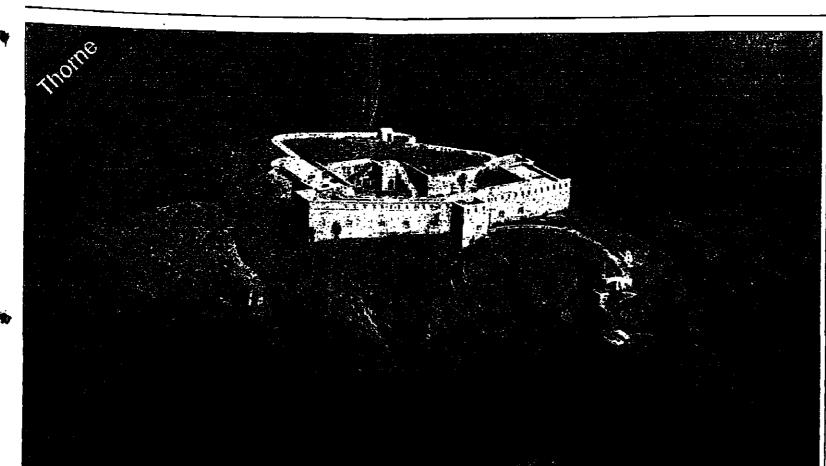
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What you get: 10 islands (approx 800 acres total), or Ensay alone (525 acres)

2 Isle of Pabay, off Skye: Asking price: £395,000 plus What you get: 326 acres, 5-bedroom house with wind and solar power, farm buildings, jetty and harbour, licence to produce stamps.

Asking price: £2m plus What you get 7,350 acres (380 are woodland), Eigg Lodge (10 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms), 10 other holiday houses and cottages, three stock farms. (4) Treshnish Isles, off Muli Asking price: £600,000 plus

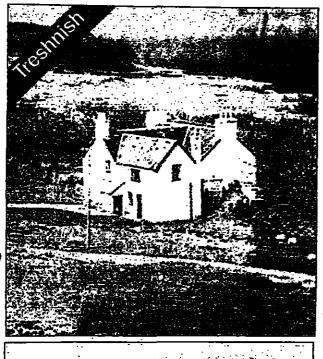
3 Island of Eigg, Inner Hebrides:

What you get: 320 acres among seven larger islands and numerous smaller 5 Thom Island, off Pembrokeshire

Asking price: £275,000 What you get: Two acres, 19th century fort converted to hotel (10 bedrooms, 2 bars, outdoor jacuzzi and saura), landing stage, roof: terrace (could be helicopter pad).

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their books before.

For those searching for an is-

land paradise in which to hide away and count their fortunes, Scotland is the destination. And to avoid the bad weather and the dark days that put the more remote rocky outcrops out of reach, the time to islandhunt is from May to August.

There are always a few Scottish islands for sale, but this year many more are on the market, prompting fears that the fragile culture of the Western Isles is being yet further eroded. At least 19 islands off Scotland's west coast are up for sale, some goingfor the same price as a three-bedroom house in London. Nine islands are available in the Inner Hebrides and 10 in the Outer Hebrides.

According to Charles Dudgeon, a partner with Savills estate agents in Edinburgh normally there are only about two or three for sale in summer. "I find this year's number staggering," he said. "Some can't

be worth the candle." Estate agents, MacDonald MacIver & Co in Stornoway, selling the cluster of 10 Outer Hebridean islands, said they have never had so many on

One island, Pabay, in particular seems to fit the bill for the buyer who has everything else - "isolation, privacy and accessibility", according to Mr Dudgeon who is selling it for more than £395,000. Although it's a tiny windswept isle favoured in the past by thieves

property now, sheltering between the Isle of Skye and the mainland and still offering seclusion and adventure. The price, he adds, includes 326 acres, a farm with wind and solar power, a harbour, a jetty, and a willing boatman who needs just £50 (plus VAT) to take new residents the two miles to the

island from Broadford on Skye. Owning an island has its re-sponsibilities, as well as its costs. Pabay has a licence to produce its own stamps and the island's owners are paid £1,260 a year by the Post Office to collect and deliver their own post over the sea to Skye.

The island of Eigg is also for sale, at £2m. Pamous for its violent history and rugged scenery. it has a population of 60, including a doctor, postman and a school-teacher, with whom the owner must consult about island matters.

New owners of the Treshnish Isles, off the west coast of Mull, will have to knuckle under, too. The islands are designated not only a Site of Special Scientific Interest, but a Special Protection Area under the EC Wild Birds Directive.

William Jackson, a partner with Knight Frank estate agents in Edinburgh, said buy-ers must understand the commitment attached to taking on an island. "You are king but you have to obey the law of the land. You can't take these islands with you. You can't pick them up and carry them back to America." All 10 islands for

and cut-throats, Pabay is hot sale in the Outer Hebrides are culture of islanders. Fiona being sold by the Mackenzies. After almost 70 years' of ownership, their small fertile islands, in the Sound of Harris between Harris and North Uist, are on the market for £750,000. Ensay, the largest, has three beaches and an old burial ground.

Snapshots of Ensay, Saghay Beg, Saghay More, Suem, Sleicham, Groay, Lingay, Scaravay. Crago and Vatem could soon appear in newspapers' pocket-sized adverts between the more familiar "charming rural cottages" in mid-Wales.

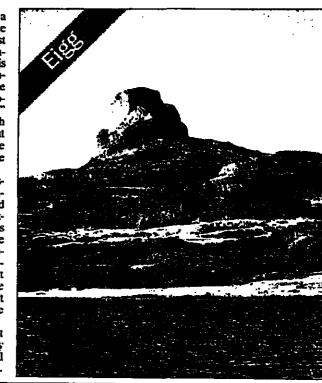
As it happens the only non-Scottish island for sale, is Thorne island off the Pembrokeshire coast in west Wales, with two acres, a landing stage and a 19th-century fort as a 10bedroom hotel. In Wales and Scotland, the

latest round of island sales worries local inhabitants and community groups. The Scot-

Mandeville, a member of the Union, said that though most of the islands for sale are uninhabited, island ownership is a lottery. "There are no constraints on who can buy, but the people here are never in the position to buy one themselves," she said. "They are very much at the mercy of the owners. But the time is coming when there will have to be a change in the

land-ownership laws." Dr James Hunter, a Skye resident and a writer about Highland ownership, said that land was sold and re-sold "with extraordinary rapidity, sometimes every two or three years". He said: "Some people who acquire an island have good intentions, they want to get involved, but then they realise how expensive it is. They get fed-up and put it back on the

It is unlikely, though, that these arguments, will go any tish Crofters' Union sees it as way to stopping the annual a threat to the livelihood and island hunt, now in full spate.



Road-rage pensioner jailed

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A 69-year-old motorist was jailed for 18 months yesterday for stabbing another driver during a road rage row.

Former handyman, James Hopkinson stared straight ahead in the dock as the jury found him guilty unanimously of unlawfully wounding Julian

Mr Hopkinson stabbed Mr Gott, a surveyor, seven times with a penknife after he followed Mr Hopkinson's Citroen Visa car to a car park. Mr Gott had been angry when Mr Hopkinson had cut in

front of his BMW 325 in the outside lane of Stanningley by-pass in Leeds last September. He said he went after Mr Hopkinson "on the spur of the moment, to give him a mouthful" about his allegedly dan-gerous driving.

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Leeds Crown Court was told that Mr Hopkinson struck Mr Gott on the side of the head and thrust a folding penknife into his

Mr Gott still has scars on his abdomen and thigh, but has oth-erwise made a full physical recovery after the attack, which took place in Pudsey railway sta-tion car park at 6.55pm on 8 September, 1995. Mr Gott told how he was

bleeding profusely from his wounds, but managed to drive to the Owlcotes shopping centre, 200 yards from the station. Two women trained in first-aid at Asda supermarket helped him while "horrified" shoppers looked on.

Judge John Swanson told Mr Hopkinson: "Violence arising from disputes between motorists in cars will normally

When the facts are accompanied by a weapon - as in your case - the sentence must be substantial.

"I take into account your age, health and the fact that another jury has already acquitted you of the far more serious offence of wounding with intent to cause grevious bodily harm. "Mr Gott acted foolishly. If

incident would not have happened. "I do not treat you as a man with a record of violence." added the judge.

Mr Gott lives in Burley-in-

Wharfedale, a village in the hills north of Leeds. Mr Hopkinson, who has three children, lives at Cavendish Square in Pudsey, Leeds,

Leeds Crown Court heard how Mr Hopkinson had already served five years for two charges of felonious wounding and burglary in 1956. He was convicted that year at Leeds As-

He also had convictions for reckless driving, in 1983 and

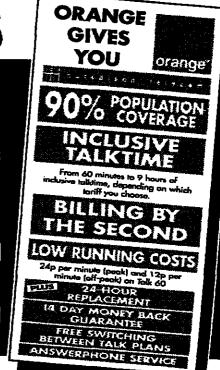
After yesterday's hearing, Detective Sergeant Colin Buck of West Yorkshire police said: he had not followed you, this "I think it's a just verdict.

"The evidence showed the defendant reacted to the situation in a manner more violent

Del. Sgt. Buck warned all motorists to avoid road rage outbursts if possible: "One driver nearly lost his life. Another lost his liberty. It's better just to drive on and let common sense

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This is just to show that while you're sunning yourself in Geoffrey Robinson's £3m mansion in Tuscany, i'm hard at it, fighting for a Labour victory on the beach at Cleethorpes. The weather here is a bit

overcast, but the natives are friendly. They lapped up our campaign against "Tory lies", and I handed out bucket-loads of Labour campaign rock and You should have seen the press

I got this morning for my handling of the Clare Short row. Even the Guardian said I'd beaten Peter Mandelson at the spin doctoring. On the seafront, I managed to sidestep questions about Clare's

is a key seat and we've got to make sure we win it. That's why I'm bere. I'm sending out letters to Labour MPs with the "spirit

article in the New Statesman.

I told the press: "Cleethorpes

emphasising the continuity between New Labour and the postwar Attlee government, which ushered in the Welfare State. With your foreword, I'm drawing attention to the five evils, identified in the Beveridge report, of want, ignorance, disease, squalor and idleness, which the Attlee administration

set out to tackle. So you can see, New Labour is in safe hands while you're away. But I should warn you that the horizon.

The opinion polls have been as mixed as the weather while you've been away. The Guardian ICM poll said our lead had slipped to 12 points, while Gallup in the Tory Telegraph said it had slipped to 25 points. Standard said our lead over the Tories was probably about 20 points, so there's no room for complacency, as you're constantly telling us.

The resolutions for the TUC conference in September show that the unious are trying to make sure that we commit ourselves to a fixed figure of £4.26 an hour. Arthur Scargill is also going to be there, banging the drum about scrapping all the Tory trade union legislation. Labour activists are being urged by Labour CND to put forward motions at the Labour Party conference in October calling for the £21bn defence budget to be cut by a third under a Labour government. We've shrugged off past conference resolutions by CND supporters, but in the run-up to the election I know you'll want to ensure the Tories don't accuse of being weak on defence. No doubt the press will repor it as "Macho Blair faces backlash", but by then, you'll be back. By the way, next week I'm off to America to meet one of my friends in the Democrats. I'll bring you a stick of rock. Yours, John



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Labour fears for privatised rail safety

Labour called yesterday for urgent publication of an interim inquiry report into the Watford train crash, amid rising concern that privatising the railways may have reduced safe-

ty standards. The crash, which occurred when a commuter train hit an empty stock train, killing one person and injuring 68 others.

Although Labour is anxious not to pre-empt any investigation into the causes of the accident, it fears that the results of two inquiries launched yesterday may not be published until after the general election. This would let the Government off the hook, if underfunding and privatisation are found to be contributory factors.

As inquiries by the Health and Safety Executive's Railway Inspectorate and Railtrack were announced, Labour's transport spokeswoman, Glenda Jackson, said: "Ministers must state clearly how and when the full facts of this incident are to be made public. Given the speculation concerning the possible contribution of privatisation ... it is unacceptable that we may have to wait for over a year before the

truth emerges."
The HSE confirmed that the effects of privatisation would be part of their remit.

The Transport Secretary, Sir George Young, rejected sug-gestions that privatisation had impaired safety.

There is no evidence that the privatisation process or the restructuring of the railways has in any way diminished their safety record," he said. "On the contrary, the evidence is that the safety record has actually

A key issue highlighted by railways experts was the decision, by the Government, BR and then Railtrack, to shelve plans for an automatic train prowas the first one involving a pas-senger train since Railtrack stops the train if a driver goes tection system (ATP) which was privatised earlier this year. through a red light.

Last month the Commons Transport Select Committee described this decision, made before the end of two pilot schemes, as "deeply deplorable". Labour claims ATP's estimated £1bn cost should be set against the more than £2bn spent on rail privatisation.

There was also concern about the state of the West Coast line, on which the crash occurred, with one expert describing it as "sadly neglected".

Yesterday there was growing suspicion that the crash of the 17.04 Euston to Milton Keynes may have been caused by one driver going through a red light. Privately, Railtrack has reportedly been reassuring the City that initial indications point to "driver error". The crucial final moments be-

fore the collision will have been recorded on the trains' "black boxes", which will give investigators details of the speeds, drivers' actions, and data on signais and controls. First reports suggested that the empty train may have been travelling at up

Same But Sugar

Worries over effect of sell-off

Is privatisation likely to have been a major factor behind the

So far, figures suggest overall safety has not worsened under privatisation and may even have improved. Railtrack, which owns the track and stations, says fixed contracts with maintenance staff have helped put safethus better level.

Does that mean there are no safety concerns after privati-

Far from it there is a growing anecdotal evidence that contractors doing vital track maintenance are sub-contracting to inexperienced or incompetent staff. The Health and Safety Executive severely criticised Railtrack this year for weaknesses in management and safety systems which could make future travel less safe. Railtrack's own recent figures show that while there were no major injuries last year, the number of small injuries rose by 13 per cent to 171. The company says a number of these were "drink-related", such as passengers failing off platforms.

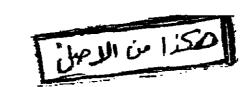
How much is being invested by Railtrack?

it plans to invest £1bn a year for 10 years, which it calls the est concentration of funds ever on infrastructure. However, railway unions and independent

experts say Railtrack spends money half as efficiently as BR. In other words, £1bn in Relitrack money would be £500m in BB money. Wolfson College's railway expert, Bill Bradshaw, has discribed the West Coast track as "sadly neglected". Railtrack is spending "millions" on it but atmits no more than on any oth er line. Discussions are still going on about raising new cash

What are the most likely A mistake by a driver or a signalling error will be the meth tocal points of the Inquires. Silvers can sometimes be afflicted by "micro sleep", when through tiredness and repetition they can "miss" a red light. A signal error is more often as a result of human error than a fault in the signal system.

Would ATP have helped? Automatic Train Protection is an expensive system which prevents trains going through red lights and overrides driver error. BR and now Railtrack have rejected it on grounds of cost - up to £1bn. Sub-Channel rail travellers are protected by ATP on the French side but not when the enter Britain. Some independent experts say it is not cost-effective, at £14m per life saved, and more lives would be saved by spending the cash on modern carriages.





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Join the board and double your money

Company bosses have never had it so good, with six-figure bonuses and incentives galore. Michael Harrison reports

Shareholders in the entertainment and music giant Thorn EMI are being urged to vote next week against a bonus scheme that could net one of its directors £3.5m on top of his ba-

The revolt comes amid mounting concern over the size of rewards available to company executives under new longterm incentive plans intoduced to comply with the Greenbury rules on boardroom pay. In many cases, executives stand to double their basic pay.

The main beneficiary of

Thorn EMI's Senior Executive Incentive Plan would be Jim Fifield, the US-based chief executive of the EMI record business, who earned £7.38m last year and is nicknamed 'Lucky Jim" in the City.

Under the scheme, executive directors are entitled to bonuses worth up to 180 per cent of their base salary, provided certain financial targets are met. Mr Fifield, who earlier this year signed a record-breaking £8m recording contract with singer Janet Jackson, would have netted £3.46m had the scheme been in operation last

Thorn EMI's chairman, Sir Colin Southgate, who earned a basic salary of £506,000 last year, would have received a bonus of

The controversial scheme, which has angered leading institutional investors, will be put to shareholders next Friday when they vote on the proposed demerger of Thorn EMI into two separate companies - EMI, which includes the record company and HMV record shops. and Thorn, the television rentals business.

The Pensions Investment Research Consultancy (Pirc) which advises 40 pension funds, with assets of more than £100bn, said it would be urging its clients to vote down the scheme. Alan McDougall, joint managing director of Pirc. said: "The new cheme does not conform to our guidelines as to what is appropriate based on the targets the company has set to trigger these

Sir Desmond Pitcher,

chairman, United Utilities.

Age: 61. Pay: £346,000. "King Des", as he is

merger of North West Water

country's first super-utility. A

former chief executive of the

Littlewoods Organisation, he

Current posts include deputy

chairman of Everton Football

Corporation. Well-connected

politically, and an occasional

is an engineer by training.

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adviser to John Major.

Bob Horton, chairman,

£159,000.

Railtrack. Age: 56. Pay:

Not a big earner by today's

standards, but consoled by

£1.5m pay-off he got from British Petroleum in 1992.

Arrogant, but also charming,

he once said: "Because I am blessed by my good

answer quicker and more often than most people."

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Pire added that it objected to the way shareholders were be-crease their pay by 50 per cent ing asked to vote on one resolution which sought both to amend the existing executive bonus scheme and introduce the

The recommendations of the Greenbury Committee were designed to stamp out abuse of share option schemes, particu-larly in the privatised utilities. Scores of executives in the regional water and electricity companies have made fortunes out of share options granted at the time of privatisation which then rocketed in value as the

businesses were taken over. Share options were supposed to have been phased out and replaced by the new long-term in-centive plans (L-Tips). But according to a report by the executive pay consultancy Monks Partnership only 29 of Britain's top 100 companies have scrapped share options.

The study found that 75 of the top 100 had introduced L-Tips. But in many cases these have run into flak because of their generous nature, the undemanding financial targets set for executives and the complexity of the schemes.

One institutional investor said that the EMI scheme was largely incomprehensible, but from what he could understand, it appeared that "these guys are going to the moon". United Utilities, the compa-

ny formed out of the merger of North West Water and Norweb. survived a shareholder rebellion over its new incentive plan a week ago, but only after a third of investors voted against the

The scheme entitles United Utilities' chairman, Sir Desmond Pitcher, and the chief executive, Brian Staples, to receive bonuses worth 87.5 per cent of their basic salaries. This year. Sir Desmond's basic salary has been increased by £54,500 to £310,000 and Mr Staples' by £65,000 to £300,000.

At Railtrack, the chairman, Bob Horton, stands to double his £125,000 salary under its new L-Tip while directors of National Power can expect long

Lord Blyth of Rowington,

chief executive, Boots.

Age: 56. Pay: £1.175m. The Government's former

of defence sales at the

Boots in 1987. After a

the business around.

Current posts include

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MoD, 1981-85) he joined

disastrous acquisition spree

he is credited with turning

Minister's advisory panel on

the Citizen's Charter and

skiing, tennis and painting

among his recreations.

James Fiffeld, chief

executive, EMI Music.

Age: 54. Pay: £7.38m.

Makes the kind of money

earned by the pop stars he

has handled, among them

Mick Jagger, Janet Jackson,

Reputedly the highest-paid

businessman joined Thom

EMI in 1988 after a career

industries. Will get a £12m "golden parachute" if EMI is

taken over after it demerges

from Thorn next week.

Maybe that's why the City

nicknames him "Lucky Jim".

in the toy, food and video

Blur, and the Beatles.

director of a British company, the Missouri-born crease their pay by 50 per cent in return for "solid" perfor-Lord Blyth, chief executive of Boots and one of a handful of

British directors paid more than £1m, stands to earn a bonus worth 90 per cent of his basic £470,000 salary. What has unsettled institutional shareholders and outraged small investors is that many of the new incentive

schemes come on top of other

The chief executive of British Gas Energy, Roy Gardner, re-ceived a "golden hello" of £200,000 to compensate him for leaving GEC and the new chief executive of National Power, Keith Henry, got £100,000 on

At United Utilities, Mr Staples received a one-off bonus of £48,000 last year for the "exceptional burden" of taking over Norweb, lifting his total pay to £380,700.

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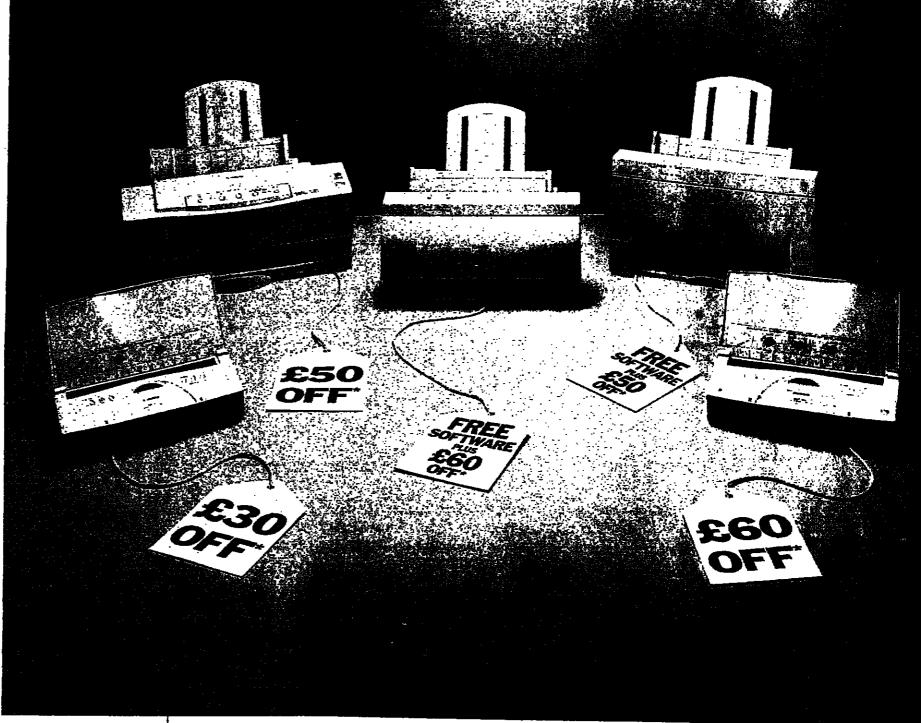
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The man who shrank the world

Sir Frank Whittle, the inventor of the jet engine - the machine which, more than any other, has truly made the world into a global village - died yesterday aged 79, after a long battle with lung cancer.

Sir Frank died at his home near Baltimore, in the US, where he had lived since 1976, working on the next generaincluding a Concorde capable of 2,500 mph. Speaking about his plans in 1987, he said: The technology is feasible. The only hold-up is money, just as it always was."

Sir Peter Masefield, the former chief of British European Airways (later British Airways), who was a close friend for 50 years, described changed the face of aviation." Other citations during his

The death of Sir Frank Whittle has deprived us of a **Charles Arthur**

life described him as "the father of the jet age". Born in Coventry in June, tion of supersonic aircraft, 1907, Sir Frank's origins were solidly British and working class. He was also one of the last survivors from what is often seen as a golden age of

British invention. His revolutionary concept. which put Britain at the forefront of the jet age, arose from his science thesis, written in 1928, when he was a young cadet at RAF Cranwell. He patented the idea of the jet engine in 1930, but found the road to success paved with indifference, and progress repeatedly blocked.

The jet engine works by taking a large volume of slowmoving air at its intake, then compressing it and igniting a fuel mixture which is then forced at high speed from the exhaust. The maths is straightforward, but building the engine was not.

The Air Ministry dismissed the concept and told him development difficulties were too great. In 1934, the Secretary of State for Air wrote: "We do not consider that we should be justified in spend-ing any time or money on it." The Government failed to see the strategic importance of jet aircraft, and did not keep the patent secret.

formed a private company with two RAF colleagues, funded by a £2,000 loan from a firm of investment bankers. They began building their engines, sometimes using reclaimed scrap metal. Finally, in 1939, the Air Ministry conceded that Sir Frank's tiny experimental engine was the hasis of a power plant that could take aeroplanes to un-

paralleled heights and speeds. On May 15, 1941, Sir Frank's obdurate approach was crowned with success when, at Cranwell airfield, Lincolnshire, the Gloster-Whittle E28/39 became the first turbojet-powered aircraft to fly successfully.

Jet fighter aircraft finally entered service in 1944, but Sir Frank always maintained they could have been used against Hitler years earlier in the Battle of Britain, but for the Government's lack of interest and delays.

The first jet engines did not go into production until 1947, after the Second World War. Sir Frank's plans, meanwhile, went to the US, which used them for its entire post-war aircraft industry. He later bitterly criticised the nationalisation of jet propulsion development, saying it was re-sponsible for Britain losing its world lead in jet engine tech-

nology. Sir Frank was knighted in 1948 and received a reward of £100,000 for his contribution to flight. In the same year, he retired from the RAF, with the rank of Air Commodore, on the grounds of ill-health.

Meteorites to bombard 6 the Earth

CHARLES ARTHUR

weekend with a meteor showpossibly bearing traces of life. from Mars, 13,000 years ago.

Earth will be bombarded by meteorites from the Perseid shower, as it makes its annual passage through a region of space containing pieces thrown off Comet Swift-Tuttle. These will produce bright, short-lived streaks in the night sky, at a pre-

dicted peak rate of 100 per hour. The ideal conditions for viewing will be at a dark site, away from city lights, and with a clear sky. Anyone should be able to see the meteorites, which will show up as bright streaks in the sky. The best view will come from looking eastnorth-east. The highest number are expected tomorrow, but the display is expected to start

There will be little light from the new moon, which should raise the chances of seeing the meteorites' trails. But the Meteorological Office in Bracknell said vesterday that the weather would not be ideal for watchers. "There is a messy lowpressure front, with lots of clouds," said a spokesman. "Some areas will get good views and others won't." Best conditions will probably be in northwest Scotland.

However, those hoping to catch a Martian in their backyard will be disappointed. The majority of meteorites making

up the Perseid shower weigh about 50 milligrams and mea-The skies will be alive this ameter. They hit the Earth's atmosphere at 133,000 mph. er - the same phenomenon where friction causes them to that brought a piece of rock, burn up before they reach the

planet's surface. "The intensity is likely to be For the next three days the back to normal this year," said Professor Mark Bailey, the director of Armagh Observatory . "But you will see them if there's a clear sky, and you have

a dark, clear site." Observers can watch the me-teorites with binoculars, picture them with a camera set for a long exposure with high-speed film, or a video camera set to its largest aperture and with the

focus at infinity. The annual Perseid shower has been known since 830 AD. It was known as the "Tears of St Lawrence", after a saint who was burnt at the stake in 258 AD. The intensity of the showers has intensified since 1992. when the parent comet, which follows a fixed, hyperbolic or-

bit, passed close by the Sun. Jacqueline Mitton, of the Royal Astronomical Society. said: "The peak of the stream can be very concentrated. The Earth can pass through it in one hour or less, with not much activity on either side. It's not to-

tally predictable."

The meteorites' name is derived from the constellation from which they seem to emanate - Perseus - which can usually be seen low in the northeast after sunset. The best time for viewing will probably be between midnight and 2am ca Sunday night.

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Later they don tunics and crowns. A running theme is the squabble over who gets to play The show has already caused controversy in America, where the Right objected to what they

MARIANNE MACDONALD

To the concern of church lead-

ers, God has been chosen as a

prime target for attack at this year's Edinburgh Festival, with

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saw as heresy. When they per-formed in Washington, the company received calls from a religious zealot posing as a journalist who attempted to get an "interview" before lambasting staff when his fraud was uncovered. The actors argue that the production is harmless fun, but the

Rev Bill Wallace, convener of the Church of Scotland's board of social responsibility, said yesterday: "Anything which at-tempts to trivialise faith and par-ticularly the Christian faith in this day and age is deeply regrettable --- especially at a time to show an interest in faith." He would prefer such pro-

ductions did not take place, he added. "It's pretty poor taste if that's all they can do to get people to watch.

Reed Martin, who stars at the Assembly Rooms in The Bible: The Complete Word Of God (abridged) with Austin Tichenor

and Matthew Croke, said of the criticism: "Our normal response is that people are entitled to their opinion. We'd love them to see the show and we don't think they'd think that way if they did — but those people never do."

Mr Wallace is equally con-cerned about the Irvine Welsh film The Granton Star Cause. which will get its world première on 21 August at the Edinburgh Film Festival. Described as a 36-minute piece of "rock and roll cinema", the film, by the author of the controversial hit. Trainspotting, depicts God as a shed-up and genatric drunk.

It tells the story of Bob Coyle, whose life goes to pieces when his girlfriend dumps him, he loses his job and he is dropped by his football team. Things scarcely look up, however, when he bumps into God in his local pub, is changed into a bluebottle, and finds himself watching his parents having sex from their bed-

Fans of Welsh's work will find also it on offer in the Fringe Fes-tival in Headstate, a revival of his first play. He wrote it in collaboration with the Boilerhouse theatre company, which it describes as "acid-house theatre"

half-play, half-rave. The 50th Edinburgh Fringe Festival offers 553 productions this year, of which 58 per cent will be premières.

Performers include Craig Charles, Jools Holland, the Chinese State Circus, Rory Mcand Lee Evans.

Running from tomorrow to 31 August, it will also feature the Scottish Ballet, Midge Ure, an exhibition of the late Helen Chadwick's art, and cinema classics such as The Long Good Friday and Reservoir Dogs making their stage debut.

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Public divided over futuristic V&A extension

MARIANNE MACDONALD

The public is bitterly divided over whether the futuristic extension to the Victoria and Albert Museum should go ahead, the museum's own survey has discovered.

The design by, Polish archi-lect Daniel Libeskind who beat competition from Sir Norman Foster and Zaha Hadid for the £42m project, provoked outrage and impassioned support when it was unveiled in May.

To be sited between the 1860s baroque structure by Henry Cole and Aston Webb's 1909 dome, the extension would be covered in tiles fading to white towards the top and would consist of conflicting planes.

Giles Worsley, editor of Perspectives On Architecture, called the building "extremely hideous and inappropriate". Sir Hugh Leggatt, secretary of Heritage in Danger, deemed it "forbidding and oppressive".

But Owen Luder, president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, said it had the potential to be a landmark.

Dr Alan Borg, the V&A's director, has observed that the building, which will to house an education centre, café, restaurant, galleries, an observation point and exhibition space, would become a national icon. But it seems much of the public would rather it didn't. Of more than 1,026 people who commented during the six-week

exhibition showing how the Boilerhouse building would look, 48 per cent said they were against the design. A further 40 per cent said they were in favour and 11 per cent were in support, but with reservations.

The visitors' book recordedcomments such as a "total carbuncle", a "big mistake", a "brave yet sensible decision" and a "powerful and intriguing

form" Visitors' objections were that it would not blend with the rest of the museum, that it was too large in scale and the tiles were inappropriate, and that the design was "attention-seeking".

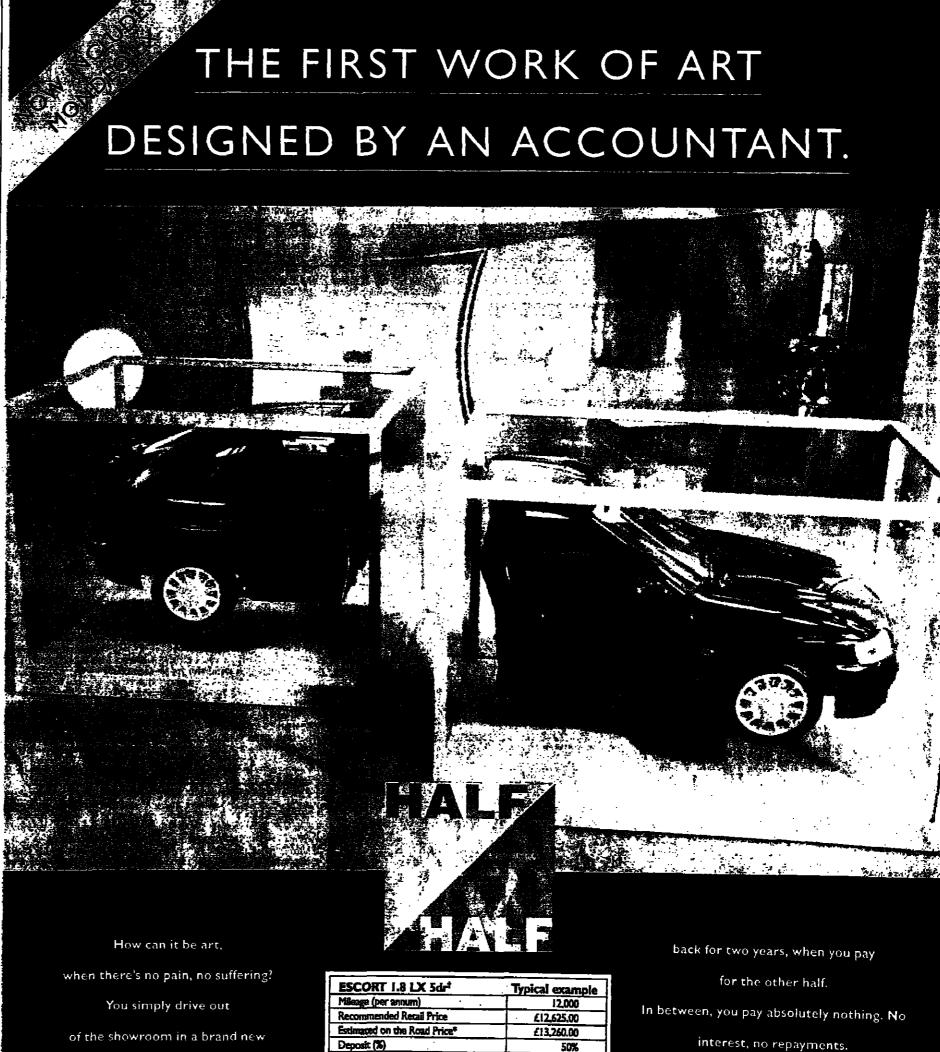
Those in favour, however, argued that it would give the V&A a boost for the 21st century and open a new path for architecture in the capital. They felt it was a better solution than creating a pastiche of the existing buildings — such as the National Gallery's Sainsbury wing — and that it would create a popular meeting place.

Gwyn Miles, head of major. projects, said the museum was responding to the views of visitors. The design had been modified by being shrunk by five per cent, following criticism that it was too large for the site.

But it would not be prepared to water down the con-cept, she warned. "It fits what we are going to do exception ally well. We want an imaginar tive and modern building relevant to today."



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Refugees flee as battle rages in Grozny

Carlotta Gali witnessed the suffering of those caught up by the conflict in the Chechen capital

Hundreds of refugees poured out of Grozny yesterday, the sounds of fierce battles behind them, crossing fresh volunteer fighters who were moving in to join the battle for the city.

The refugees came on foot or crammed in Russian Zhiguli cars and open trucks, along a muddy track through the woods, as sounds of heavy airstrikes and artillery echoed in the southern suburbs of the city. Half the sky overhead was black from smoke drifting from the oil refinery, which was burning on the west side of the city.

The Chechen fighters guard-

ing the wooded trail, which seems to be the only way in and out of the city, suddenly shouted for people to take cover. The clatter of a helicopter was above them as people fled along the path, dropping their bundles, veering off in to the cover of the trees. Two loud explosions burst ahead of them in the woods, rockets fired by the helicopter that had already wheeled away.

The refugees pressed on in panic. Panting and sweating, they had been walking for four or five hours from their homes in the centre of the city, where fierce fighting was raging around the main government building.
The fighters are everywhere, in every house, in every street,

they completely control the city," Rosa Khazbeka said. "The helicopters are firing into the houses non-stop.' After three-and-a-half days in a cellar, with no water and no food, she and her neighbours

decided to make a run for it. With 13 children among them, they crossed besides the fresh volunteer fighters who were moving into the city. Dressed in jeans and track suits and with cheap plimsoles on their feet, they carried Kalashnikovs bought with their own money, they said, at the begin-ning of the war. A few had rocket-propelled grenades, the Chechens' favourite weapon, the shoulder-held launcher slung across their backs.



Street fighter: A Chechen rebel just after firing a rocket launcher during fierce fighting for the control of central Grozny

proaches to the city and then trekked through the woods. One group sat under the vines in a courtyard on the outskirts of Chernorechiye, awaiting orders from their commander.

Hugging the walls of an outbuilding, they listened as a helicopter gunship blasted Chechen positions only 500m away. The next second the gunships seemed to turn on them, firing two rockets with a great roar, that was followed by the grunt of a machine gun.
"Swines," one fighter mut-

tered under his breath. He had They walked around the said the same earlier, when Russian posts on the ap- Russian jets unleashed a series

urbs less than a kilometre away, the massive explosions echoing through the woods.

As the helicopters circled away, following their last sally, Akhmad Zakayev, commander of the south-western front and one of the Chechens' top rebel commanders, raced up the road and into the courtyard in a white Volga car accompanied by fighters in a Russian jeep. Wearing a black headband inscribed with an Arabic prayer, he smiled and embraced several of the new volunteers.

Chechen forces completely controlled the city, he said.

of bombs on the southern sub- They had surrounded the government building and destroyed a whole Russian armored column which had tried to break through from its base at the northern airport.

The operation in Grozny was designed to force Russia to restore the peace agreement signed in the Kremlin and in Nazran before the Russian presidential elections. "Those who violated them must be punished," he said, clearly referring to the Russian military

The fighters would stay "as long as it takes," he said, by seizing ammunition from the we left standing last time," he

Russians in order to replenish said. "And we'll cut off a few

their own supplies. Russian soldiers manning checkpoints on the road west of the capital had heard about the disaster of the armoured column. "We heard a column was destroyed and bearded men are now driving around town in the armoured personnel carriers that are still working," one soldier said.

A veteran of 12 months' fighting in Chechnya, he shrugged his shoulders over the incident. "We are softening

Photograph: Robert King/AP

ears," he added, making the Russian soldiers' most frequent grisly threat. ■ Moscow — A correspondent for Russia's Itar-Tass news agency said last night he and a

number of colleagues were still sheltering from heavy fighting in central Grozny and denied earlier reports that they had been freed, Renter reports.

Sergei Trofimov, a corre-spondent of Tass, said the group had been joined by five women and a child, who had braved them up with artillery and then we will go in and finish off what to reach the basement of the "a hurricane of fire" in order

Rebel victory ruins Yeltsin's day of pomp

HELEN WOMACK Moscow

Chechen rebels yesterday ruined Boris Yelisin's inauguration, savaging his army in Grozny as he made a brief appearance in Moscow to take the presidential oath to protect human rights and the security of Russia.

All that could be said in favour of the ceremony, held inside the Kremlin rather than on the square outside, to save the cost of seeding the rain clouds, was that it was mercifully short. This was thanks to Mr

Yeltsin's new head of administration, Anatoly Chubais, who understood that the rebels infiltration of Grozny was a propaganda disaster for Russia.

Yesterday, the separatists completed the Kremlin's humiliation by seizing large parts of the city of Grozny and pin-ning down thousands of federal soldiers with gunfire before pulling back towards evening. Mr Chubais had been studying records of the last Tsar's

coronation in 1896 to get ideas for Mr Yeltsin's inauguration. The draft text of an election victory ode had been published in the press. "Our proud state, great and glorious, doth rejoice; the whole country is full of strength since the people made

their choice," it read. But this week, plans for a more modest ceremony were announced. The official reason was that the budget could not bear anything lavish. But there was speculation that the Chechen crisis and Mr Yeltsin's precarious health had affected

the decision. The 65-year-old leader, who had not been seen in public since a week before his reelection on 3 July, looked stiff as he walked along a red carpet to a stage in the Kremlin Palace. But he pronounced his oath clearly and stood for 15 minutes while the Russian Orthodox Patriarch, Alexy II, blessed him.

"Thank God," said one Russian as she watched the proceedings on television. "I was afraid that he was going to fall

The inauguration ended with a 30-gun salute from an artillery unit on the lawns under the Kremlin wall, as if the country were truly celebrating and no guns were traumatising Grozny.

At a reception for 3,000 guests afterwards, Mr Yeltsin was reported to have been lively, considering the official colossal weariness" that he is suffering from. Russians have been officially reassured that their leader's heart is not troubling him as it did twice last year. He made a toast and gave

Officials studied the coronation of the last Tsar to get inspiration

a speech which was a little less wooden than the oath," one

Western guest said. Then he had a few glasses of champagne and he looked fairly sprightly when he walked

Mr Yeltsin's first act after officially resuming his powers was to ask parliament to confirm his Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, for a further term. The State Duma will decide the matter today. Although the President's Communist and nationalist opponents have a majority, they do not appear to be in a mood to rock the boat

by rejecting Mr Chernomyrdin. Thus, the chances are that Mr Yeltsin will be able to go on holiday shortly, leaving Mr Chernomyrdin to deal with Chechnya. But the prospects are not bright for an early resumption of the peace process and many politicians in Moscow now admit there is no alternative to a negotiated settlement.

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Prisoner of time shrugs off his seven-year hitch

We were driving through the Lebanese Shia Muslim suburb of Ouzai when Terry Anderson looked to the left of the car. They took me straight down this road, through the Syrian checkpoint without stopping. and turned left into a lock-up garage right around here," he said. On 16 May 1985 "they" kidnapped Terry Anderson close to his home in west Beirut, and somewhere amid the furniture stores and bakeries and ironmongers here he spent the first night of almost seven years of captivity, the longest-held hostage in Lebanon.

And now he was back, grinning in the back of a Beirut taxi, driving towards southern Lebanon through the city in which he suffered a miniature Calvary of hopelessness for the crime of being an American. "How do I know exactly where I was Fisky? I was blindfolded. But it was on this road."

Maybe up that cul-de-sac. I suggested, in one of the three earth wall below runway 1-8 of Beirut International Airport? "I could hear the jets," he said. "You know, later, when I was in my cell at Hay el-Selum, I was so close to the runways that I could smell the aero-engine fuel off the jets when they were about to take off."

We had known that, had sat on those same jets and looked at the two-storey concrete slums and said "Hi Terry" in our minds, knowing that the man we knew so well was growing old-er in the buildings 100 yards away. We were free - just - and he was not, and we did not wish for any exclusive interviews in the basements of Beirut.

And now here was Terry, returned for the first time, to film a documentary, to the land in which he spent so many years a hostage, not particularly interested in his place of nearmartyrdom, refusing to blame anyone, reading the morning Beirut papers much as he did when he was the Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut.

"Everyone changes, Fisky," he said. "I was locked up for seven years. If you spend seven years in that situation and you don't change it would really be a waste. Tve

Robert Fisk in Beirut welcomes back his colleague Terry Anderson, who was the longest-held hostage in Lebanon

years as I did in the previous seven. But I still believe the same things I did. I'm still the same person. Is he? Overweight, as usual, waving away problems, he seemed to be the same Terry, oblivious to the dangers of bombs and shells. But that is how he was kidnapped, ignoring the warning signal of an attempted kidnap down the road from our

apartment block a day before his

abduction. He seemed to me eas-

ier to anger, his humour more

cautious. Or was this because I too have less patience now? On our balcony, he aimed a champagne cork at his favourite palm tree - Terry lived in the flat above ours - and the cork landed dead centre of the fronds. And in the corner by my front door, we later found ourselves remembering that this was exactly where we had sat, one floor above, on the night before his abduction 11 years ago. I had told him then that it was better

to fight a kidnapper. He had in-

changed as much in the last five sisted it was better to give up without a fight, because "if they come, it's better to let them take you". After his release, Terry had signed for me a copy of his hostage biography, writing on the title page: "See – I was right!" He broke the US travel ban

to return to Lebanon - he told the US Senate foreign relations committee he would do so because "neither the Congress nor the State Department can prevent any American from going any place he or she chooses" - but in theory he could be prosecuted. More likely, the State Department will keep its mouth shut, aware that if the very symbol of an American "terrorist" victim happily travels back to Lebanon, the reasons for the travel ban represent a lie. Algeria is more dangerous for foreigners than Lebanon, Anderson argued. So is Egypt. So

He journeyed through Lebanon with his Lebanese wife, Madeleine; their daugh-

ter, Sulome, was born three months after his kidnap. "Our main task is to take the things that have happened to us and make use of them in a positive way," he said. "We have things now we would not have had; that doesn't in any way lessen the cruelty of what they did to me. We are here today because of everything that has happened to us. Both of us. But it is all done. It has brought us to this place. It's a good place to be."

Later, he will meet the leadership of the Hizbollah whose satellite minions once took Terrv off to his seven years of captivity. But he has no interest in confrontation. "I want to hear what they say, to understand Lebanon with new eyes." One of the more imperish-

able moments of his visit came when he met Lebanon's Prime Minister, Rafiq Hariri, who had no role in the civil war. As Anderson stood to greet the ruler of the country in which he was held captive, Mr Hariri advanced with outstretched hand. just a hint of a smile on his face, wondering how to frame his greeting. Then, after a slight hesitation, Mr Hariri said quietly: "Welcome back."



No regrets: Terry Anderson back in Beirut yesterday for the first time since 1991

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India defiant over nuclear test ban treaty

India is refusing to sign a glob-al treaty to ban nuclear test explosions, despite pressure from Britain, the United States and other major nuclear powers.

Alone among more than 40 countries attending the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, it has raised obstacles to the nuclear test ban treaty. India's UN envoy in Geneva, Arundhati Ghose, said that the current text of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) ignores India's security needs and gives an unfair edge to countries which already possess nuclear arms. India is demanding that the treaty set a time limit for the big nuclear powers to get rid of their arsenals. Britain and the US are wor-

ried that India may block the pact from reaching the UN General Assembly for ratification in September. In Washington, the US State Department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said that the Clinton administration was still trying to coax India into signing, but with little hope of success. "However, we will continue to expect in the negotiations that India will not seek to frustrate the will of the international community on this particular issue," the US spokesman said.

UN disarmament experts in Geneva thought they had achieved the impossible: an agreement by the world's five biggest nuclear powers - Britain, China, France, Russia and the US - to prohibit underground nuclear blasts. The atomic warhead.

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The number of boat people to have returned voluntarily to Vietnam from Hong Kong has passed the 50,000 mark, bringing a bitter saga that has plagued Asia for years one step closer to an end. The United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees marked the occasion by singling out an official 50,000th migrant from three

hundred arriving on two flights at Hanoi airport, showering him and his family with gifts and a bouquet of flowers. Most of the returnees looked glum and passive as they filed

The FBI denied a television report that it had found no evidence linking the security gnard Richard Jewell to the Olympic Park bombing and planned a public

apology. A spokesman said that his superiors in Washington denied the report on the CBS network. Mr

Jewell was initially hailed as a hero for spotting the bomb before it detonated, but later came under scrutiny by authorities. AP - New York

torrent of mud and rocks swept through a crowded Spanish campsite. The mudslide, triggered by heavy rains on Wednesday night, killed at least 76 people and injured scores more. It was feared the death-toll could reach more

West African music lover are mourning ET Mensah, the Ghanaian pharmacist who refined the dance-band

Emmanuel Tetteh Mensah, ET to fans, died in his sleep aged 78. A trumpet player who doubled on saxophone, he started with Louis Armstrong during celebrations for Ghana's independence in 1957 Reuter – Accra

lingerie in the hope of selling it after a sex session with the vehicle's Turkish driver. The Gypsy twins drove 20 miles before police caught up with them. They were having difficulty driving the vehicle. The women stole the truck offer its driver went to the levatory. Reuter - Sofia

srael's Foreign Minister, David Levy, locked in a power struggle with the Prime Minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, did not arrive for work at the Foreign Ministry

A one-and-a-half-year-old girl died of food poisoning near Tokyo, bringing deaths from a germ to eight. The O-157 colon bacillus is responsible for a food-poisoning

epidemic that has hit the city of Sakai, near Osaka, in western Japan, hardest, with 6.500 patients, mostly school children, affected. Reuter – Tokyo

Villagers in eastern Laos have captured a sao la, a rare mammal similar to an antelope whose existence was discovered four years ago. Sao la, which means spindle in a Thai tribal dialect, is a large-hoofed mammal

with long, spindle-shaped horns. It is also known as the Vu Quang ox. after the forest reserve in Vietnam where it was

Police questioned Megawati Sukamoputri, the Indonesian opposition leader, for more than six hours in connection with last month's riots in Jakarta and she in connection with rask month 5 trots in Jacob and said she has been called back next week. "I have been said she has occur cancul back next week. I have bee summoned again on 15 August for additional questioning. Ms Megawati said at her home after returning from Jakarta police headquarters. Several

opposition members are still in custody after the riots.

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Uscalnian and Polish scientists found a tomb of a Scythian commander containing 1,000 gold and silver decorations and weapons, the such burial site found since the Scythians founded a kingdom on the Black of the Scythians founded a kingdom on the Scythians founded a kin

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and missed the weekly cabinet meeting. The two rivals have been averaging a spat a month since they came to power in June at the head of a right-wing government.

style that swept the region in the 1950s and 60s.

after its driver went to the lavatory. Reuter - Sofia

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first discovered. AP - Bangkok

Pressure from the major powers has had little impact, writes Tim McGirk

in New Delhi CTBT also went a step further, binding countries to strict onsite inspections of nuclear installations by UN officials.

But India - which is considered to be a "threshold" nuclear power, along with Pakistan and Israel - is balking at the proposed treaty. The country has two hostile nuclear neighbours, China and Pakistan, and wants to keep the option of building its own atomic arsenal and carrying out underground tests. The threat of possible sanctions and widespread condemnation is unlikely to sway India into signing the test ban treaty, ac-cording to New Delhi officials.

India's new government is run by a fragile coalition, but the Prime Minister, Deve Gowda. can count on backing from all major parties, especially rightwing Hindus, in refusing to sign the Geneva treaty. As the Foreign Secretary, Salman Haider, recently said, "The acquisition of nuclear weapons is essential for national security and we have followed a con-scious decision in this regard." India exploded a nuclear device in 1974 and is working on a long-range missile, the Agni, which is capable of delivering an

dia's objections to the CTBT are too strong for it simply to abstain from signing the pact before the Geneva conference ends on 15 August. The Clinton Administration would be con-tent if India did not block the CTBT's passage. Otherwise, an Indian veto could either stop the

ly to unravel. If India refuses to sign, Pakistan may also pull out of the treaty, fearing that its enemy neighbour might gain an unfair advantage in developing nuclear weapons, China, too, has raised doubts against the treaty's insistence on nuclear site inspections, and it has required much coaxing by the US before agree-ing to the CTBT.

treaty outright or cause it quick-

Indian officials insist that the proposed treaty locks the major nuclear powers into a position of superiority. The "Big Five" no longer need under-ground tests, since nuclear explosions can now be simulated by computers or laboratory experiments, whereas India and other "threshold" nations have yet to reach that point, New Delhi officials explained.

Meanwhile, Japan recalls its own nuclear history

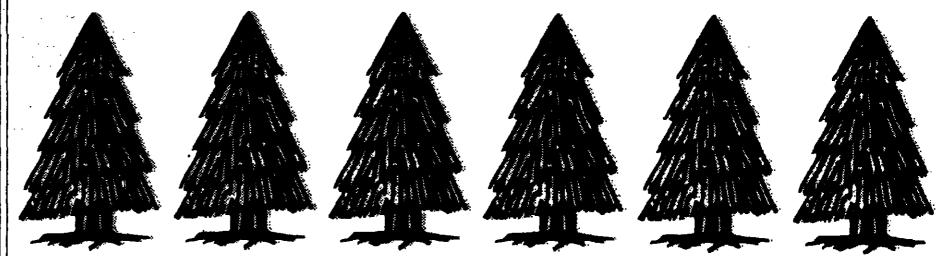


Japan remembers: Metro police trying to remove people who staged an illegal 'die-in' demonstration in front of the Chinese embassy in Tokyo yesterday, the 51st anniversary of the A-bomb blast in Nagasaki. They were protesting against China's nuclear test on 29 July

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Stink robs Siberian express of its magic

It is bot, and getting hotter. The air is as thick and clinging as the snug in a crowded British pub on a Sunday lunchtime. And it

The four of us in this tiny compartment know why. Niko-lai, one of our company, has a supply of raw fish wrapped in newspaper under his bed.

Half an hour ago, not for the first time, he dug out a couple, gutted them on a cloth on his bed and, with the air of a cordon bleu chef preparing a particularly special dish, chopped them up for us to eat.

He is a genial, middle-aged man, with the fixed smile of a cat and a shiny blue shell suit that would stand out on the Strip in Las Vegas. For the last two days, as our train sidled slowly across the contours of Russia's stomach, he has regaled us with stories about his life as a factory official in Irkutsk in eastern Siberia. But the fish is



We have heard about how he once shot, and ate, a bear in the forest, and later went hunting for wild boar. He has described fishing through the ice that each winter covers nearby Lake Baikal to such depths that, during the 1904 war with Japan, the Russians laid a railway across its Moscow time, but it doesn't help frozen girth and shunted equipnent back and forth.

seives, a vast grey-blue sheen, the size of Belgium. The guide book overflowed with statistics:

World's longest ride is no joke when raw fish are on board, writes **Phil Reeves**

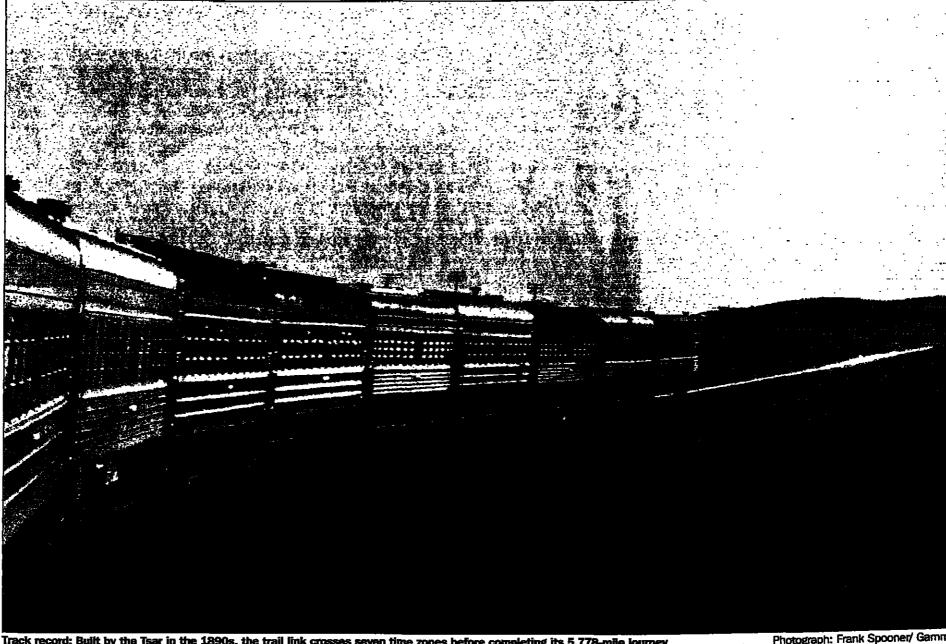
to have storms which never reach its shores), 50 million years old (ancient enough for 1,500 endemic species), more than a mile deep, repository of a fifth of the world's fresh water supply and its own species

of seal, the neroa. But these figures, and the lake's hazy beauty, have been jogged to the back drawers of the memory by the slow lollop of the last 1.400 miles. Only one detail looms large: it was there. during a brief stop in a small set-tlement on the lake's shore, that Nikolai bought his food supplies. Baikal is the only place on the planet where you can find the golomyanka fish, which dissolves into an oily blob when brought to the surface. Unfortunately, Nikolai bought "omul".

They have remained intact. There is no point in complaining about the stench to Marina, the bored-looking peroxide-haired carriage attendant. The windows of our German-made carriage cannot be opened, as it is supposedly air-conditioned. Her principal task seems to be to hoover the carriage every 24 hours or so, usually when we are nodding off. Nor is there much evidence that she is on the ball; she has been spotted wandering the corridors in a long crimson dressing gown, well after daybreak, with her locks in curlers.

But, then, no-one on the train seems to know the time. Small knots of people gather in the corridor to study a timetable on the wall, trying to relocate themselves in the surreal vacuum that has evolved since the train set off.

There is a clock showing much: we are running late, and most of the passengers have days ago, I believed this warm, The track hooks around its started from a different point on acidy liquid to be the real thing, southern shores, so several days ago we saw the lake for our which the train passes on its until I discovered him topping it up from an unmarked plastic 5778-mile journey from container in his fuggage. "Med-Moscow, across the Urals and ical spirit," he explained. "Now, Siberia, to Vladivostok and the I have got this neighbour, who it's 400 miles long (large enough Sea of Japan – the longest con-



Track record: Built by the Tsar in the 1890s, the trail link crosses seven time zones before completing its 5,778-mile journey

Photograph: Frank Spooner/ Gamma

world. Very few people seem to be travelling the whole way. For most, the calculations become too complicated to be worth the bother

Outside, the "taiga", the end-less forests of silver firs, cedars, birches and pines, has given way to the softer, flatter landscape of the far, Far East. Every now and then we pass a clutter of wooden bungalows, their mud lanes littered with the detritus of Soviet farming equipment. It looks as old as the railway

we are riding, which was inau-gurated in 1891, under Tsar Alexander III. The faces of the few residents grower wider, testimony to the proximity of Mongolia and China. But neither these, nor the grey sky overhead, offer many clues. Nikolai is convinced it is Tuesday; I know it is Wednesday.

As we argue, Nikolai pours from a vodka bottle on the table. When I boarded in Irkutsk two loves hunting ...



Fin pickings: Nikolai sharing out his supply of pungent raw fish Photograph: Phil Reeves

There is, of course, a great deal of drinking. The other day a group of Russian army officers, their bellies awash with booze, held a press-up contest with a young British civil servant during a station stop. The Briton, a tourist en route to

Japan, later told me he had "lost" two days of the seven and a half day journey from

Moscow. But in an environment in duced a pot of Skippy peanut which everyone shares every-butter. Neither Nikolai, nor But in an environment in thing, drinks are as hard to the two young female students refuse as food. In the hope of who share our space, seem en-

avoiding another meal of fish (or sausage, of which Nikolai has an equally large, equally pungent, stock), I have propolitely. Russians, long used to cramped apartments, are good at this kind of collective living. Our four-berth second class

thusiastic, but they sample it

compartment is only six feet wide and seven feet deep. But my companions move easily among themselves as if they were somewhere four times as large. When one of us is making up a bed, or changing clothes, the others automatically slip into the corridor, without exchanging a word. I am the only clumsy one. A couple of hours ago, a large pepperoni sausage fell from my bunk onto the head of one of the women.

Yet there are few places to which to escape these kinds of embarrassments. You can perch on the small, fold-down plastic seat in the corridor, although not without feeling foolish. You can also retreat to the restaurant car, although very few of the mostly Russian passengers on this train go there, not least because, for many, a plate of sinewy chicken and a beer costs

the equivalent of a day's pay. One visit was enough to discover that serving food was not high among the staff's priorities, although they were keen to sell

the gas masks which they claimed to have been issued in the (unlikely) event of a gas attack by Chechen terrorists. The rate was six dollars, a strikingly better bargain than the \$20 that one carriage attendant wanted to charge a tourist for his metal tea-cup holder, or the \$10 he wanted for attaching a shower nozzle to the tap in the

grubby wagon lavatory. The restaurant car is the fiefdom of Mikhail and Sasha who, when they are not selling huge quantities of liquor to villagers at each station, wait for foreigners like me to wander in to relieve the boredom.

"Are you English?" de-manded Mikhail. What happened to your football team? he said, before, somewhat contradictorily, reenacting Gazza's goal against Scotland in the space between the empty tables.

"Why is England good at nothing these days? You haven't got a number-one skier, tennis ayer, skater. ice-hockey play er, boxer. Name one!"

mind turned anew to business. a woman?" As the Russians say, "Para iti": time to get back to Nikolai's fish.

Dole pulls tax cuts out of the hat for California

Roger Hedgecock seemed to be in shock. The former Republi-can mayor turned talk-show host was broadcasting live from outside the hall where the Republicans spent much of last week debating their party's stand on abortion. Mr Hedgecock had invited Jeff White, an anti-abortion crusader with Operation Rescue, to join him. hut things had not turned out

quite the way he planned. Mr Hedgecock's conservative credentials are impeccable. For two days last week he stood in for Rush Limbaugh, the giant of right-wing talk radio. But during this broadcast his guest had produced two, four-feet wide pictures of an 21-week aborted foetus, allegedly taken from an abortion clinic's trash. "Good grief," said Mr Hedgecock. "I don't need to be shown a lot of gore to be convinced."

The party truly begins for California's Republicans today, as a train carrying the State's of California, the party-line delegation begins winding its way down the coast to San Diego. For the convention crowd, the Republicans' bash at Planet Hollywood restaurant tonight has been declared the place to be seen.

Yet there was evidence of

Republicans are hoping to win the West coast, but abortion divides them, reports Tim Cornwell in San Diego

both abortion as an issue and Bob Dole as a candidate. "California's delegation by two-to-one is pro-choice," said Steve Cushman, a long time Republican and chairman of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce.

Ronald Reagan called San Diego his "lucky city", the place where he chose to end his campaigns. Last week, as Bob Dole reached for the great communicator's mantle with his promise of sweeping tax-cuts, Republicans in Reagan country were thrilled by the old anti-tax message. But they were looking

askance at the messenger. was being hung out: that though Dole would lose heavily in the State today, the campaign has yet to start, and he will get a huge injection of campaign funds when he is officially declared candidate. "The enthusiasm is growing," insisted Dale

discomfort in this city known for Dykema, president of the Linits steely Republicanism, with coln Club, whose 350 members must have donated at least \$1,500 each to the Republican Party. "If we can swing California, Bob Dole is president."

The Lincoln Club is spending \$50,000 to get the vote in Orange County, which ange County, which traditionally has helped to swing the State's vote. It is hoping to use support for the California Civil-Rights Initiative - a ballot proposal that opposes affirmative action - to draw conservatives to the booths on polling day.

San Diego's conservatism is moted in defence with naval and air bases making military the city's second largest industry. But Republicans are still smarting from 1992, when the county went for Bill Clinton with the vote split by a 25 per cent vote

for Ross Perot. The Republicans are now swamping the hotels at the height of San Diego's tourist season. Mr Dole's promise of 15 per cent income tax-cuts will one of quiet resignation.

go down well in a city where earnings are well above the national average, and whose economic engine is entre-preneurial high-tech industry, according to long-time Republican consultant Jack Orr. Clinton's tax increases aimed at the wealthy, he said, had added \$10,000 to his own tax bill.

Dole's 35-year voting record. however, seems never to have reflected anything like the economic programme he now claims to embrace, according to Tom Stickel, who was the State's campaign chairman four years ago for George Bush. Mr Stickel claims that "the greatest en-thusiasm" he has been able to sense in San Diego this week has been over rumours that former housing secretary and neo-liberal darling, Jack Kemp, would be Mr Dole's vice-presidential running mate. "That is more curious to me than, gee, when is Dole going to get here?"

Tom Blair, a long-time Republican and editor of the Union Tribune, the San Diego magazine, said: "I don't know of any Republicans who have any sense of confidence in Dole's ultimate victory." The general mood, he said was more

Tamil Tigers continue to chew away at army's morale

Tamil Tigers had long been braced against an attack by the Sri Lankan army on their rebel base at Kilinochi. And when the army offensive, backed by warplanes, began late last month, the Tamil rebels fought back with deadly effect, knowing that if they lost Kilinochi town, they would have nowhere left to

go but the jungle.
The rebels erected bunkers and dug watery trenches along the rice paddies, and when the Sri Lankan troops rumbled into the northern outskirts of Kilinochi, the soldiers encountered a hellish barrage of mortars, rockets and machine-gun fire. A military spokesman claimed that nearly 70 soldiers have been killed in the battle for Kilinochi, which has become bogged down to a deadly crawl as the soldiers dodge the bullets

and flying shrapnel exploding in the rice fields and marshes. The Tamil Tigers have admitted to losing 51 defenders in Kilmochi, and through their London office the rebels yesterday claimed that more than 30 Tamil civilians were killed in bombing runs and shelling by Sri



Lankan forces. The Tamil Tigers called for "international intervention" to stop the Sri Lankan government's "mass slaughter of the Tamil people".

However, the Sri Lankan army is in no mood to halt its

assault on Kilinochi. During the night of 16 July, the Tamil Tigers over-ran an army camp at Mullaitvu, in the north-east, slaughtering more than 1,400 soldiers. Only a dozen men survived; some jumped down a well, others shimmled up coconut trees and ching there in

a Colombo train during rush hour, killing at least 70 commuters and injuring 450 others. After these attacks, the army set out to capture Kilinochi, not only for strategic reasons but to restore its battered morale. Meanwhile, international aid workers have expressed concern for thousands of Tamil refugees

Tamil chief Prabkharan: will

who may be trapped in the fighting. More than 200,000 Tamil refugees were huddled fight on the run in the jungle around Kilinochi, made homeless by the battles earlier this year on the Jaffna peninsula. Many refugees have fled into

the jungle or run to villages outside the battle zone. But aid workers are worried that the recent offensive has cut off refugees' food and medicine supplies. The Tamil Tigers accuse the government of blocking an aid convoy of about 120 lorries which was trying to reach Tamil refugees inside the rebelcontrolled areas. Even if the Tamil chief.

Velupillai Prabkharan, and his fright until reinforcements ar- Black Tiger suicide squads, are

the army's worst disaster in its 13-year war against Tamil separatists. But then, on 24 July, the well-disciplined and heavily-Tamil Tigers reportedly struck armed Tigers are a lethal ene-again: two bombs exploded on my and the government's isolated bases along the eastern coast are easy prey. Yesterday, Tamil Sea Tigers rocketed a Philippine freighter docked

north of Trincomalee port. President Chandrika Kumaratunga, elected on her promise of bringing peace be-tween the minority Tamils and the Sinhalese, now faces a po-litical battle in Colombo, the capital. Several Tamil parties are now threatening to withdraw support unless she resumes talks "without pre-conditions" with the Tigers. But after the Mullaitivu massacre, Mrs Kumaratunga is being urged by her generals not to re-start peace talks with the Tigers -broken off by the rebel chief, Mr Prabhkharan, in April 1995 - until Kilinochi falis,

Mrs Kumaratunga has slashed back food and agriculture subsidies to pay for the war - and it may be her undoing. Although Colombo and the island's south have been largely isolated from the war, the latrived five days later. That was forced to surrender their jungle rebels is crippling the economy. est onslaught against the Tamil

Peking makes diplomatic language a game of Chinese whispers

TERESA POOLE

Until the Sino-American Treaty of Wanghia in 1844, China's rulers stipulated that foreigners in the Middle Kingdom were not allowed to learn Chinese, such was the Imperial court's contempt for and fear of

will, from next month, take place without the customary English translation, in a move which the People's Daily yesterday said "demonstrates that a China full of confidence is walking toward the world with

bigger strides". Explaining the policy, officials blithely point out that Now, China is taking the op-posite tack: key government ducts its briefings only in Eng-media, whether the reports are spoken language be respected."

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The proposed change is symptomatic of China's demands for global "respect", now that its "international status is elevated day by day", said the People's Daily. China's preoccupation with

briefings for foreign journalists lish – without Chinese inter-will, from next month, take pretation. Now China will do taries, Olympic Gold medals, or Hong Kong's return to Chinese

sovereignty next year.
"The influence a country's spoken and written language has on the international community," the People's Daily maintained, "has a lot to do with the prosperity of the counits rising status in the world is try. Only when a country is re-

government seems to be unaware of the possible pitfalls of its new linguistic rectitude. The statement said that the new policy "would enable the world to understand China better".

Or then again, maybe not. Mandarin Chinese is notoriously difficult, and few foreigners feel confident about reliably

Unfortunately, the Chinese Ministry briefings. In the past, overnment seems to be unaministry translator has promised as "official" translation nuclear testing will appear to be used by everyone, which is corrected on the spot by the spokesman if it is found to be in error

From now on, each media organisation will have to come up with its own version, in which the diplo-speak may well be translating the subtly worded mistranslated. A hundred dif-replies served up at Foreign ferent versions of what China

tions, Taiwan, Hong Kong or nuclear testing will appear around the world.

The Chinese government forbids foreign media organisations to hire translators except through the state-run Diplomatic Service Bureau, but the language skills of the staff on offer are often inadequate. Peking says that it wants international recognition of the

Certainly, the ministry's current use of Chinese is imaginative, if not necessarily charming. A frequently used phrase about the "five principles of peaceful co-existence", for example, might be more accurately translated as: "Why other countries must not raise China's record on human

nity" of the Chinese language.

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The malady that keeps Moscow off colour

arely can a president have been inau-gurated in such humiliating circumstances. Boris Yeltsin, the only freely elected leader in Russian history, looked tired, ill and barely capable of governing the world's largest country when he took the oath of office in yesterday's Kremlin ceremony. What should have been a celebration of Russia's young democracy turned into yet another illustration of the fundamental instability of a country where so much power is concentrated in the hands of one sick man. Far from delivering a memorable Lincoln- or Kennedy-style inaugural address, Mr Yeltsin recited the brief oath, spent a mere 16 minutes on stage, and then hastily departed a ceremony that had been brought indoors and shortened for medical reasons.

To make matters worse, as he solemnly swore to "protect human rights and freedoms" and "earnestly serve the people", thousands of Russian soldiers were under siege from separatist rebels in Grozny, the Chechen capital. Timing their offensive to cause maximum embarrassment to Mr Yeltsin, they conclusively demonstrated this week that, if Russia's armed forces are among the biggest and most powerful in the world, they are also among the most demoralised and incompetent.

Taken together, the intensification of the Chechen war and Mr Yeltsin's poor health mean that he has begun his second term with-

out the optimistic atmosphere and sense of a fresh start that should have accompanied his re-election. Just one month after his victory over Germady Zyuganov, the Communist chal-lenger, urgent political and economic problems are piling up and Mr Yeltsin has yet to come good on any of his principal campaign promises. Illness accounts for much of the uncertain start, but Mr Yehsin and his advisers need to grasp that the Chechen war is absorbing too much of the time and energy that should be devoted to political and economic reform.

The war which Pavel Grachev, Mr Yeltsin's former defence minister, once boasted would be over in a couple of hours has already lasted 20 months and, according to the US State Department, cost 35,000 civilian lives. The Russian forces have clearly failed in their objective of drumming the rebels out of Grozny and other major towns and confining them to the mountainous south of Chechnya. Indeed, the Chechens made a better job of seizing parts of the capital this week than did the Russians when they first tried to capture Grozny in December 1994. In such a conflict, which pits highly motivated, well-armed guerrillas against poorly paid soldiers and reluctant conscripts, the initiative will always lie with the guerrillas, who can infiltrate towns, strike at will and filter away.

If any event proved that this is an unwinnable war for Russia, it was the latest



Chechen offensive. During a week when it was essential that nothing should spoil Mr Yeltsin's inauguration - the first such grand national occasion since Tsar Nicholas II's coronation in 1896 - Russian forces showed themselves incapable of defending a city against fighters who are officially dismissed as "bandits" and "terrorist gangs". It makes little sense to blame the rebels, as the United States did this week, for launching their offensive. It had been clear for several weeks that the Russian forces had little intention of honouring the truce that Mr Yeltsin accepted in June as a way of taking the Chechen war out of the electoral debate. The basic responsibility for the war lies with the Kremlin, as Mr Yeltsin himself acknowledges in his more reflective moments.

Since there can be no military solution to the conflict, the only way forward is a restoration of the truce, followed by a negotiated settlement. This in turn will free Mr Yeltsin and his government to concentrate on overcoming the challenges facing Russia, particularly on the economic front. The most important problem is the state budget deficit. The government's failure to collect taxes efficiently and keep the deficit under control caused the International Monetary Fund to withhold last month's tranche of the \$10.2bn (£6.6bn) loan agreed earlier this year to underpin Russia's market reforms.

It is vital that the Russian government

should introduce detailed tax reforms and make a determined effort at collecting taxes from cheating companies, for without the IMF funds, the entire reform process could grind to a halt. Yet a successful tax policy, like a successful anti-inflation programme. requires sustained political will, and much of the government's will is being sapped by the prolonged and brutal Chechen war.

Mr Yeltsin has probably not helped matters by reconstructing his administration in a way that seeks to balance various Kremlin interest groups and personalities against each other. He has nominated Viktor Chernomyrdin, a moderate reformer representing the oil and gas industry, to continue as prime minister. But he promoted Alexander Lebed, an erratic retired general, to be his personal security adviser, and then let him pick Russia's new defence minister, Igor Rodionov, Mr Chernomyrdin and Mr Lebed each sees himself as Mr Yeltsin's natural successor, and neither regards the other with warmth. The atmosphere of intrigue and struggle, all the thicker because of Mr Yeltsin's illness, can-

not serve the cause of effective government. Yet the chief obstacle to a successful Yeltsin second term remains the Chechen war. After this week's events, it should be clear to him that Russia's problems can only grow more acute the longer he delays peace negotiations and the search for a political settlement.

LETTER from

I've always thought the silly

season is a bit of a misnomer.

assuring me that nothing,

absolutely nothing ever hap-

pened that would bring people back to Washington DC in the

humid mid-summer heat. I

could go swimming, see the

kids, pop into the office to

make a few calls, but there

wouldn't be anything to worry me. The next day Saddam Hus-

sein invaded Kuwait; I found

myself writing half the paper, and my bureau chief paddled

back over the lake, climbed in

his car and headed back to DC.

Somehow something always

And so it's been this week.

The Editor goes off on holiday.

assuring me that everything's

quiet, and the next minute we

find ourselves grappling with two of the most fundamental

human questions. First we are

compelled to ask when society

sbould allow a woman to end

half of a twin pregnancy; then

we find ourselves pondering

what it might mean if we are

not, after all, alone in the

So far as seasons go, I'm sure

you can make a case for saying that there is something faintly

silly about finding a hint of life

the universe are enormous.

provoked a deluge of letters.

many of which emotively voice

the personal experience of

twins or mothers who have

seems to happen.

■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

No change to drink-driving limit

Sir: Your front page and leader (8 August) on drinking and driving accused me of seeking "excuses" for not lowering the legal blood alcohol limit. Whatever else, "excuses" are

Like you, I am concerned that the massive reduction in drink-related fatalities over the last decade now seems to have bottomed out. I agree that every life lost is an avoidable tragedy. You are right that complete abstinence is the only sensible policy and it is the message we constantly conveyed. You are right too, that habits have indeed changed largely, I would argue, because of the sustained media campaign over extraordinarily effective.

But it is precisely that overwhelming public support that could be forfeited if government were seen to be going beyond what the public perceive as reasonable. It is not the legal blood alcohol limit that saves lives. As you yourselves point out, many countries in Europe have lower limits and tougher penalties, yet none has a better record on alcohol-related road death. It is the acceptance of the underlying message that has changed our habits, not the legal limits or penalties, and it is that which I believe would be at risk if the Association of Chief Police Officers, the British Medical Association or any other no doubt well-intentioned

body disturbs the present consensus. There may be a time when it will be right to introduce a lower limit, but that time is not now. STEVEN NORRIS MP (Epping Forest, Con) House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Paul Vallely asks in his article

To imagine is to understand" (6 August) why anti-abortionists,

categorically regarded as religious absolutists, fail to recognise the

scholars such as St Augustine or St

about procreation, conception and

when life begins was very limited in

the Middle Ages. Bold theories such

disguised the lack of knowledge. It

the hold theories advocated by the

Church. For example, Aquinas's

view, that up to a certain point the

portion viscerum matris) and could

wrong by the 17th century, when

William Harvey discovered that

blood circulation of its own.

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therefore be destroyed, was proved

after only three weeks the child had

Today, we know that the ovum

child was part of the mother (pars et

was science that showed the faults in

as those that "ensoulment" took

place 40 days after conception

The answer is simple: knowledge

views on abortion of medieval

Thomas Aquinas.

Medieval views on abortion are ignorant

Sir. Your report that police chiefs are about to make a public show of support for lowering the present drink-driving limit heralds a breakthrough for the campaign run by doctors, road safety and health

groups for many years.

Lowering the drink-driving limit will save hundreds of lives. With the Association of Chief Police Officers about to add their voice to that of the BMA, the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Alcohol Misuse and Alcohol Concern, surely it cannot be long before the Government sees the sense of ing the law MARY-ANN McKIBBEN Director Alcohol Concern

Sir: A reduction in the level of alcohol with which we may drive will probably save lives, and is to be

London SE1

elcomed. However, you fail to put the figures for drink-related deaths into context. You say that in 1993, 540 deaths were attributable to drinkdriving. There was a total of 2,969 deaths in motor vehicle accidents in England and Wales in 1993, so it follows that 2,429 of them (82 per cent) involved stone-cold sober

A motor vehicle is a killing machine with or without alcohol. Is it not time that much more. publicity and effort was put into reducing the other 82 per cent of the deaths? J P JOHNSON Bristol,

who are still, at the dawn of the 21st

century, advocating abortion betray any values conveyed by the

the Middle Ages. The difference is

Sir: If we are really concerned for

woman to ask herself two questions:

one is "do I really want this child?";

prospects of giving this child a fair

these questions is in the negative

the notion of children's welfare

means anything then no foetus

If the honest answer to either of

then, in my opinion, the woman has

a moral duty to consider abortion. If

should have live birth imposed upon

it in the absence of positive answers

the welfare of children then we

the other is "have I reasonable

should expect every pregnant

that they cannot claim the innocence of the ignorant.

TOBIAS SCHUMACHER

London W14

hance in life?

to both questions.

ERIC STOCKTON

Sanday, Orkney



The Alhambra, at Granada, Spain: we would be much the poorer without it

Islam's contribution to world civilisation and culture

Sir: Perhaps Robert Fisk ("Burying the Crusader's sword", 1 August) can explain why the 800-year occupation of Spain, the 400-year occupation of Greece and the Balkans, the 200year occupation of Sicily, and the 100-year occupation of Corsica (longer than the occupation of Iraq by the British) by Arabs or Turks are not seen for the acts of aggression. colonialism and imperialism that they were. Add for good measure, the three-year siege of Malta, the siege of Vienna in 1683, the capture of Taranto, the yearly raiding parties along the French and Italian coasts and it becomes quite difficult to see Enlightenment, and take the view of these events as merely the actions of

uninvited and over-boisterous guests

whom the police have been unable

Islamic triumphalism and consequently Islamic jihad or "crusade" and aggression are not fantasies but established facts. If the Pope is to apologise for the Crusades, then perhaps an Islamic Council can apologise for Islam's past depredations. It would be useful and salutary to bear in mind. that in its conquering course, Islam destroyed one major Middle Eastern religion, Zoroastrianism, and in the words of one Indian writer, "broke the back of Indian

None of this would detract from Islam's contribution to world civilisation and culture. We would be much the poorer without the Alhambra, without Averroes and Avicenna, without algebra, without Persian and Moghul miniatures, and without the Taj Mahal or the Dome

of the Rock. Once apologies have been made on all sides, we could then see yearly gatherings of European and Islamic and Jewish artists and intellectuals, scholars and scientists to examine our common problematic future seen, alas, in the light of a long history of mutual aggression. Hopefully, they would display more balance than Robert Fisk who, in warning against the demonisation of Islam, almost succeeds in demonising Americans, Israelis and Jews and sundry Europeans who happen not to share his views.

JOHN D NORMAN

on Mars - although I am convinced, from our readers' huge

fascination for the whole subject of cosmology, that the Whistle-blowing question twangs a deep chord in our consciousness. The in the workplace implications for our sense of

Sir. Paul Vallely ("Are you brave enough to blow the whistle?", 2 August) glides over one of the main problems facing senior staff who fall foul of improper employer behaviour - whether it is dishonesty, breach of contract, harassment, health and safety breaches or whatever. He states, of someone who was sacked after blowing the whistle that "although he subsequently won his claim for unfair dismissal, his compensation was statutorily limited

to less than half his annual salary." In 1974, when the Labour government and the Trades Union Congress agreed on the they limited the maximum to less than two-thirds of the

compensation for unfair dismissal, compensation (which is rarely paid) average annual salary. It has suited successive governments to protect employers who behave improperly and unfairly, by keeping compensation so low that anyone in even a moderately senior position has virtually no protection under the employment protection legislation. It will be a test of the seriousness of the opposition parties in their "fight" against corruption in business, to see whether they continue to condone this nonprotection of just those who would be most effective as whistle-blowers. Dr HUGH MASON Assistant National Secretary

struggled with these problems I veryone knows about the silly season, don't they?

It's that time of year themselves. There is a sense in which newspapers are at their when everyone is on holiday. best when they provide a place where real people reflect on the nothing happens, so we fluff up stories that can't quite be most potent events in their emotional lives – which is described as news, and - well. shall we just say - inflate things what's been happening on this page over the past few days. However, a subject like this also creates certain special discom-It never really arrives, and it's forts for a newspaper. If the doctor was wrong to expose woman X to a risk of broken rarely very silly. The year I worked in America, my then bureau chief departed for his confidentiality, were we right to report it so thorough Adirondacks on I August commentate so vigorously? It is

> indiscreet. The question of whether a hint of life has been found on Mars twangs a deep chord in our consciousness

at least ambiguous: the public

debate is a great blessing, but

it wouldn't have happened if

the doctor had not been

What else was silly this week? Clare Short's attack on Tony Blair? Nothing very silly about that. In fact, you can usually tell that a political party is hufting and puffing when its soin doctors try to dismiss a story as mere "silly season" agitation, as they did in this case. Nonsense. Clare Short attacked Tony Blair's New Labour programme policies. She attacked him. And she was articulating the opinions of many Labour activists. This story will run and run - until Mr Blair cuts her dead.

My favourite question of the week, though, is who you would choose as the top five British women of the century. I sort of assumed that men would be less eligible to comment on the matter. I, like many readhuman selves of an alternative ers, was amazed to discover evolution somewhere else in that the Post Office's selection panel hadn't even considered Barbara Hepworth. But then, And there is nothing even it's a bit like playing Your Five approximately silly about trying to judge one woman's decision Favourite Albums, Five Best Novels - you know, the sort of to abort one of her embryonic thing you do in the silly season. twins. Inevitably this topic has when you're on holiday ...

> Colin Hughes Deputy Editor

programme for an individual. Those

Sir: I enjoyed the picture of the crannog in Loch Tay ("Bronze Age high-rise comes home to Loch Tay with a house on stilts", 8 August), I believe that at least one of the six volunteers working on the project, using traditional building methods, may have made a discovery even greater than the scientists analysing the Martian

In late May, I spent three days at meteorite. a hotel less than 100 yards from the crannog. Every so often the peace was broken by the unmistakable sound of a chainsaw being applied

to the "natural materials". Perhaps the Bronze Age should be renamed the Steel and Power Age. GARY STATE Hounslow, Middleser

Steel and Power Age | Pinewood's Ned Kelly

Sir: Talking of "Ned Kelly" films (letters, 7 August), don't forget the Peter Finch one made at Pinewood in 1957. The nearest we got to Australia was the back lot at Pinewood! As one of Ned's gang I remember the hot days in the saddle as we rode across the built-up sand

If memory serves me rightly it was called Robbery Under Arms. No masterpiece, but a lot of fun and Peter made a dashing Ned. It was directed with great outback gusto by Jack (A Town Like Alice) Lee. Nutbourne, West Sussex

victory at the next general election could mean the end of the Labour Sir: I suspect that many more people must be as weary of the antics of Clare Short and her tribe as I am Party, let alone another five (report, 8 August). With only destructive years of Tory

Short's antics are a threat to Labour victory

months to a general election and a chance to free our country of the nonentities currently in office, we are treated to yet another display of unfocused emoting which can only serve Conservative purposes rather than those of Labour.

She might care to reflect that Tony Blair has made her seat and those of Ken Livingstone, Jeremy Corbyn and the other malcontents infinitely safer than otherwise they would have been. In the event of a Tory victory she would be able to parade her left-wing conscience from the well-paid safety of the back benches without any burden of responsibility or lovalty. The real victims would be the old. the poor, the unemployed and all who yearn for a more just society.

Her complaints about being attacked from behind by those whom she thought were her supporters might better have been expressed by Tony Blair than by herself, but then, he has more sense. LEONARD PRIDE Cleckheaton, West Yorkshire

Sir: It is not the combined efforts of Peter Mandelson, Alastair Campbell and Tony Blair that will lose Labour the next general election. If Clare-Short is intelligent enough to realise that anything other than a Labour Letters should be addressed to Letters to the Editor, The Independent, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL (Face 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) and include a daytime telephone number.

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government, then why is she hellbent on ensuring that her grim prophecy becomes reality? Clare Short claims that it is Labour's "obsession" with the media

that will prevent them from winning. One sure-fire way to throw it all away is to appear divided and Short is an expert at generating the spin on that. BETH LAMONT

Sir: I am bemused by the likes of Brian Mawhinney (6 August) and now Clare Short who seem to think it a shortcoming in Yony Blair that he seeks power.

They have obviously failed to observe a principle which is demonstrable in every walk of life and at every level of social organisation: power is never given, it is taken, usually by those who are the most determined and ruthless. Despite pious protestations to the contrary, the surest guide to understanding such matters remains in the realism of Machiavelli, for while "everyone will admit that it would be most laudable to find all the good qualities combined in a prince. human nature does not allow it". Fr DOMINIC KIRKHAM Corpus Christi Priory

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If teachers cannot improve, heads and governors must not be afraid to dismiss them - Gillian Shephard, Education Secretary Jumping into a car after a smash-and-grab raid on a jewellers to be told by the driver that the car wouldn't go - "Mad" Frankie Fraser on his most embarrassing moment

I don't want to sound big-headed, but it's because I'm a very good entertainer - Max Bygraves explaining his success

I want to die at a great age, doing a hole-in-one at Lytham, with my wife there to witness it, or she'd never believe me - Gerry Marsden, of the pop group Gerry and the Pacemakers

I've allowed myself half a day to see some koala bears but that's it - Ann Widdecombe, prisons minister, stressing that her forthcoming two-week trip to Australia will be spent almost exclusively visiting penal institutions

Seagulls have no natural predator - perhaps we will have to become that predator - Hugh Murton, a public health official in Cornwall, after complaints from holidaymakers about birds swooping on them looking for food

He is a victous, violent tennis player - Clive James, TV personality, on Chris Patten, Governor of Hong Kong, who beat him 6-0, 6-0

Dole faces his last hurrah

Next week the Republican presidential contender will be hailed as a conquering hero in a frenzy of choreography. But behind the smiles, says Rupert Cornwell, his party is being taken over

or one wonderful, allintoxicating moment - lasting at least as long as it takes a blizzard of red, white and blue balloons to drift to earth from the 27-feet-high ceiling of the ungenerously small San Diego Convention Center - Bob Dole will stand supreme. There on Thursday evening, having been ferried across the city's great bay like a conquering emperor of old, a enarled 73-year-old Kansan will live the American politician's penultimate dream: acclaimed and adored by a gathering of 1,990 delegates from every state in the land as he accepts the Republican party's nomination for the Presidency.

The leathery, eternally tanned Dole face will crack into a wolfish grin, and as he savours his triumph, surely even sweeter still at the third time of asking, the taking of the White House itself will seem the merest formality. And who is to grudge him his instant of finely choreographed glory, the goocy show of unity that briefly smoothes over the deepest divisions? Between now and election day on 5 November, there may be few others.

The harsh fact is that Bob Dole enters this convention as the most poorly placed Republican candidate in at least 30 years. Not since Barry Goldwater in 1964 has one been further adrift in the polls. In 1976 and 1992, Gerald Ford and George Bush were almost as far behind at a comparable stage, but they at least had the advantage of incumbency. The past month has been a series of disasters great and small. One moment he seemed to doubt that nicotine was addictive, the next he was gratuitously snub-bing the NAACP, the most prestigious black civil rights group. This past week has seen further discomfort: a cave-in on abortion to right-wingers that flatly contradicted earlier commitments, and the embracing of a radical tax-cutting, deficitboosting economic plan that runs contrary to both his record over 35 years in Congress and

every instinct in his body. Such is the price to pay, however, when your deficit in the polls is 20 per cent, your opponent is stealing your every decent idea, and bribery of the voter seems the only recourse. Today Dole announces his vicepresidential running mate. He man who could have transformed Republican prospects

And so we are left with the convention. These days, it is said, a convention counts for little. The smoke-filled room is a memory from a remote preenvironmentalist era. More than any of its predeccessors, the four-day spectacular which begins in San Diego on Monday will be a pageant of rubber-stamping. Organisers describe it as a "uniquely interactive gathering." In fact, long before it happened, the occasion was pre-produced for television, complete with fuzzy videos "introducing" Mr Dole to a nation he has served promi-nently for three decades. Only the ingenuous, though, need fear a stumble on the apparatus and the intrusion of real politics: "There won't be any political issues at this convention," Paul Manafort, the convention manager, assures. But

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image becomes all.

The networks and newspapers will do all in their power not to sup too obediently from the Republican spoon. But next week the party will have its main and last chance of a sustained public showcase, free of competition from the Olympics, the Democrats - even from Clinton, politicking in California this week but graciously on holiday in Wyoming the next. Rather than another orgy of Clinton-bashing, however, what Dole needs desperately is harmony and unity.

Beyond argument he is a stunningly inept campaigner: undisciplined, a wretched and conceal his disdain for the contortions and absurdities of life the only reason for his predicament. Equally responsible are the splits within his own party between moderates and conwill be a worthy soul, to be sure servatives, especially social con-

-but not Colin Powell, the one servatives and the religious right, and above all on the issue of abortion. The "Big Tent" has shrunk, the "Open Door" has all but closed. Ronald Reagan, of course, charmed every Republican faction into submission. But his famous "Eleventh Commandment", to "Speak no ill of a fel-low Republican," is now honoured in the breach.

With unusual patience, Dole has tacked back and forth this summer to win both social con-servatives and pro-life moderates to a compromise on the abortion language in the convention platform. In the end there was a compromise - or more exactly, a capitulation to the religious right, reiterating the demand for a constitutional amendment outlawing abortion, from whose text even the word "tolerance" was literally

nation for the Republican Party's fall from grace since it recaptured control of Congress for the first time in 40 years, just 21 months ago. Thus, too, the prime reason for the wretched state of the Dole candidacy. Since 1992 the fire-breathing Pat Buchanan has roamed the land. The Christian Coalition of the evangelist Pat Robertson (who ran for president in 1988) has been around for even longer, but never has the party seemed as intolerant and exclusive as now, since Newt Gingrich became Speaker of the House of Representatives in January 1995, and the religious right took control of a dozen state parties.

Mr Dole's dilemma, therefore, is that (if Ralph Reed, the angel-faced martinet who is executive director of the Christian Right, is to be believed) 60 per cent of delegates to the convention are social conservatives. Like it or not, he cannot ignore them - not just because they are a majority in San Diego, but because no candidate can afford to alienate his activists. Certainly, shades of difference exist between purists platitudinous speaker, quite who place moral issues first, bereft of the "vision" that and the pragmatists like Reed who place moral issues first, Americans expect from their who know full well that if cen-President. Often he can barely trist voters are scared off, Dole cannot win. But for the moment, skilfully nudged by on the stump. But that is not President Clinton, those vital centrists are scared stiff.

What makes his predicament all the more poignant now is that, on paper, Dole is the ideal man to bridge the gap. He



The balloon goes up: the cheers at the convention will be deafening, but they may be the last Bob Dole hears for a long time

is a conservative, true, but of an older school, a decent man sceptical of dogma, tempered by hard times and by common sense. Ideologically, if not by background, he resembles his predecessor as nominee, George Bush. Like the patrician Bush. Dole has always been suspected by Reaganite true believers and the religious right. As his poll ratings have nosedived, both camps have fantasised about a Dump Dole effort. The question neither has answered, and which illustrates the depth of the Republican divide, is: If not Dole,

Under Republican rules, of course, a coup is impossible. But suppose Mr Dole quit voluntarily, or fell under a San Diego bus. Who could take his place? Certainly not Newt Gingrich, architect of the Contract with America, and now the sin- sidering as his running-mate.

gle most unpopular politician in America. Nor even a partially mellowing Pat Buchanan, who, having won 3 million votes in the primaries and now the battle of the platform, is muttering about endorsing Mr Dole, assuming a suitably pro-life vice-presidential nominee was found.

But the religious right would never wear a General Powell, or a moderate pro-choice Governor like Christine Whitman of New Jersey, William Weld of Massachusetts, or Pete Wilson either some little-known senator, or a retread grandee from the Bush administration like James Baker. Or, and perhaps most broadly acceptable, the popular former Housing Secretary and passionate supply-sider Jack Kemp - whom Mr Dole has in fact been seriously con-

But even then the extremism problem will remain. Quite apart from the deal on abortion, whose only merit is to avoid the PR disaster of a public floorfight, the platform is a social conservative wish-list. On issues from immigration to

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school choice (abolish the federal Department of Education in its entirety), from gays to for-eign policy (no US troops under UN command), the right has prevailed. True, convention platforms are traditionally

forgotten by Labor Day, when the campaign begins in earnest. and for a moment next week at least, the quarrelling of the spring and summer will be put But Bob Dole is caught in a

nightmarish trap. He is too weak in the polls to impose unity on his party; yet every day that public disunity persists, that weakness increases. True, victorious American political parties have often seen bizarre bedfellows; none more so than Franklin Roosevelt's Democrat coalition of blacks, blue-coliar whites and the segregationist yet viscerally anti-Republican South. But an iron-clad rule obtains. Break those coalitions apart, and the party loses. Lyndon Johnson's civil rights programme cost the Democrats the Old South, and Republicans won five of the next six Presidential elections.

In 1964, Barry Goldwater seemed to do the same for Republicans when he humiliated the "Rockefeller Republicans" and the party's old Eastern establishment at the convention, only to be branded an extremist and subsequently routed in the general election against Johnson. But Goldwater's was a defeat with a difference. From his political ashes arose the new Republican party: Southern-slanted and suburban, ideologically conservative. That battle is being replayed today. Dole, Kansan by birth but East Coast Washington politico to his fingertips, is representative of a vanishing breed. This time, the social conservatives and religious right may drag him down to crushing defeat. But if history is any guide, for better or worse the Republican future is

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Jo Brand's week

Oasis's performance at Knebworth this weekend promises to be a nightmare for the police, who have to get huge crowds in and out over two days with the minimum of trouble. So it is heart-warming to know that the poor old police have been issued with a video to give the officers some idea of the fans they are up against. Oasis fans are described as "feisty, contrary and belligerent", thus setting the scene, one would have thought, for the odd dust-up between the boys in blue and the gig-goers. In my experience, when the police get together in a group, they can be pretty feisty, contrary and belligerent too, although

police entertainment tends strippers and a racist Mancunian comic, rather than a talented Mancunian band. Let's hope the good sense of the band prevents any potential rumbles getting out of hand. Oh dear, I forgot ... they're feisty, contrary and belligerent too. No doubt. after this weekend, the rozzers will be begging for a few Cliff shows.



A recent charity golf tournament in Fairfax county, Virginia, included topless female caddies and an auction of women to accompany male golfers in their carts. Funny, but I've always thought that the women's movement was particularly strong in America. Perhaps the Fairfax county branch is a bit depleted at the moment. Let's hope this doesn't catch on in professional golf or they'll never get round the course. The American Heart Foundation, for whom the tournament was organised, has said it will return the donation. I don't suppose they realised that quite so many women were going to strip down as near to their hearts as possible. As for the auction side of things, when are these sad women going to realise that to be selected by some menopausal tartan-clad sack of spuds is not a valid assessment of your

I was in Cork last weekend to do a couple of shows and for a change the tour manager, myself and another act rose well before the "Countdown" honr and decided on a visit to Blarnev Castle, container of the famous stone. Apparently, the original gift bestowed by the Blarney stone was the ability to tell lies for seven years, something those of us who are crap at it would find far more useful than the eift of the gab. I had always assumed that kissing this thing involved no more than a three-minute stagger off the coach, a slight bend of the waist. maybe, and mission accomplished. To someone like me with the fitness record of a sloth it seemed more like mission impossible. First of all you have to get up to the top of Blarney Castle (no lift), via numerous treacherously narrow winding stairs, so designed that invaders could be dispatched with the most minuscule of shoves. Then you have to pick your way round a narrow lumpy floor full of holes revealing a sizeable drop, and finally lie on your back holding on to two metal bars while an attendant-

type holds your feet and pisses himself laughing, as you are dispatched towards the saliva-sullied object. Kiss the Blarney stone? Pogue mahone. (Translation available in Gaelic dictionary.)

Being a bit of an international traveller, this week found me in Shropshire as well, witnessing one of the strangest phenomena I have ever seen. During a heavy thunderstorm, smoke started to billow from a group of trees some 200 yards from where I was staying. We ran to investigate. I use the term "ran" loosely. In fact, in this context, it means "went in the car". The source of the smoke was an enormous tree which had been struck by lightning. It was burning fiercely, and threatened to bring the whole tree down. For once a camera was to hand, although we could not persuade a neighbour down the road to come and have a look as she maintained she has been hit twice by lightning and didn't fancy third time unlucky. I wonder if seeing something like this has some ominous portent? If I'm not here next week, you'll know why.

Cyclists decided to get militant this week and stop the traffic in London on the day of the Tube strike. They are from a group called Reclaim The Streets and are protesting about congestion in London. As a driver, I have to say that cyclists aren't always the conscientious road users they

often claim to be, despite the fact that they do not spew fumes at the rate the rest of us in cars do. As an ex-cyclist myself (incredible as it may seem), I am well aware of the dangers that cyclists face and they don't make it any easier by winding up car drivers in several ways. First, I very rarely see a cyclist obeying traffic lights. They seem to think they have the right to take a short cut across the pavement or just carry on. Second, a sizeable majority don't have lights at night. Then, whenever you go within a few feet of them on the road, so you don't have a crash with another car, they scream sanctimoniously as though they own the road. As for hand signals ... non-existent. They have also turned grubby parts of London into what appears to be a suburb of California, with a selection of hideous lycra and face apparatus. Not much of an objective criticism that last one, but I never was much of a scientist.

I had always imagined that the world of the druid lay beyond the sort of petty earthly quabbles that

tie the rest of us down. But no, it seems they're just like us. A row bas broken out among Welsh druids because some of them have been sending letters with the stamps on upside down and this is considered a mark of disrespect to her Maj. So far, four people have been banned from ceremonies at next week's Eisteddfod and are planning to protest by turning up in mufti and not in their usual robes. Given the current postal strike, it may be that sticking the stamp upside down might get the letter there

more efficiently. Besides, I'm sure the

Queen has far more to worry about

than her perm being rained.

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Wonderbras in the workplace DAVID AARONOVITCH

What do women talk about at the office? A sexual harassment case this week prompted Emma Daly to listen in to some very personal conversations

time after a meeting when we began to discu sex after pregnancy? said e boss, with a laugh. She is a wman and so were her two collegues. After a wary-ish start, ie three shared, in detail and th some gusto, the lack of seen their lives after giving birth exhaustion, pain and so

Thstory came out in a chat abou the latest and most bizar sexual harassment allegatio; to hit the press - the accusion by Joanna Poole, 22, th her life was made miserable by the repeated com-ment of Christine Butland, 26.

Fd most women 'personal' coments are a orm in work

"Clistine seemed to take pleasurm embarrassing me in that ways making comments about my reasts." Ms Poole told an indtrial tribunal.

'he used to say she wished shead bigger breasts and that shi wished she could lose weht. She also wanted to get hebair cut short like mine. She wild make comments about miegs and said she wished she hi my figure."

We will never know Ms Butlad's version of events, as the ce was settled out of court follying the testimony of a third cleague, who described the roarks as "just compliments,

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What is praise to one is hadiation to another, and m have long used sexual coments to remind women of a sser status as objects. But th reaction in my office reardless of the truth of Ms Pde's allegations - was one of surise. For most of the woen at the Independent, at lea, are quite used to exchang ingersonal comments and, at tins, intimate emotional deils. And this seems to hold got for many working women. harie, 28, Ruth, 25, and Stehanie 24, work for an Anrican investment bank and has become close friends. Ru thinks the details of the Poe case "sound strange",



because she and her friends agree they would not discuss their sex lives openly at work except with three or four or five

But would they ask a newcomer if she was married or had a boyfriend? "That would be the first question I'd ask," saw me as a threat and really pushed me... we didn't get on replies Stephanie. "And she'd at all, and that was potentiall find out all the details," adds more destructive," she said Marie. This doesn't hold true, they feel, for male colleagues. "Often, you notice that the new guys are sitting on their own in the canteen for a long time, whereas we'd invite a new girl out for lunch immediately,"

Sophie, who works in adver-

tising, was lunching yesterday with Vanessa - her former boss through and it's been rewarding because she's set such high and now a friend. She was standards and I've come lucky, perhaps. Vanessa told through and I've actively chome about a "horrific" experisen to stay with her. She treats me much better now. We're ence with a female boss. "She was not supportive at all and actually quite similar and that's probably why we clashed."

I once worked with a woman who was unnopular because she could be (and often was) a more destructive," she said, identifying a notorious bitch-inreal bitch. But as one of the the-manger trait. "I think her (few) other women. I came to see (and hear) how unhappy she was, and how she took this problem may have been that she had to fight so hard for it and she thought it was too easy out on others. I did not seek her confidences, but I did not So far, so good for the rightbetray them.

Women - aside from the wing tabloids. But Vanessa continues: "In fact, we've come Thatcher/Queen Bee model

who loathes other women and who is said to be on her way out now - tend to work in a more co-operative, collaborative atmosphere, in which the hierarchy is less evident and in which credit is assigned where

"It is routine," a female friend said with resignation. "to hear male bosses take credit for other people's ideas, sometimes almost unconsciously. They say 'I', meaning 'I, the department'. Female bosses are far more likely to say 'we', and to praise something to a

superior as 'Jane's idea', for example."

Miles, who writes on careers for Cosmopolitan, says women model work on the family, while men adopt hierarchical, militaristic structures. Consequently, women tend to show

more concern for colleagues

and subordinates, but may also

find it difficult to discipline Cary Cooper, professor of occupational psychology, says women make much better managers than men. "They tend to be much more people-oriented: they know how to manage resistance to change because they understand the fears involved," he said. "Women do talk in the workplace about personal issues... There is no way men talk about having a sexual prob-

The woman you have never met tells you she likes your hair

lem in their marriage, or having

a bad marriage."
Not all women feel the same, of course. One of my colleagues believes that any personal comment is inappropriate at work
-but those of us who heard her say that will know, from now on, not to talk to her about our love-lives or her clothes. Harassment is all about context and conviction: a woman who deliberately, and despite evident embarrassment, spoke to another about her sex-life or her body would clearly be guilty of more than bad social skills.

But for most women, "personal" comments are a norm, in work as with their friends, family and acquaintances. "People are actually complimentary at work," said Sophie. It's true, and such comments among women are often an icebreaker: the woman you have never met tells you she likes your hair, so you start to chal.

Perhaps we work in a more liberal atmosphere than most, but the *Independent* office file of quotes saved for posterity includes the following: "Kathy came up and said, These Wonderbras are great. You should get one.' I told her: 'Get lost, I'm wearing one." Then there was the glamorous but motherly 50something who said: "There are some very fine bosoms on this Professionals agree. Rosalind floor - have you noticed?"

Beastly

Britain

The British are good in a crisis." That's what we all believe. So we can afford to raise our eyes to heaven at the cack-handed and panicky way that the Americans responded to that small bomb in Atlanta last month. We know that they've not been tested as we have. The Luftwaffe and the IRA have not set fire to their cities; they haven't watched their docks and cathedrals

burning. But when my wife finally returned home on Thursday night, delayed by the Watford train crash, she had a very different tale to tell. She, a colleague, a very heavy box and 300 other pasengers were trav-elling from Liverpool to Euston, and must have been close to Nuneaton when, some 50 miles to the south, the 17.04 smashed into an empty train returning to its depot.

Soon her train was either going at a snail's pace, or was stuck stationary in the middle of a turnip field. The guard could not tell passengers what was going on, because the train's tannoy was broken - but it wasn't long before mobile phones and radios began giving the first news of the crash. There was an instant rush for the buffet car as word spread along the train that the delay could be bad. Eventually, they pulled into

a large station 40 minutes' drive north of London and stopped. Again, there was no announcement, so someone got off, then someone else did, then they all did. After a brief mill, an employee of the rail-ways was discovered; the cackle of his walkie-talkie had given him away. He didn't know anything, he said. Nobody knew anything. Since the splitting up of the railways, it had become impossible for people to know things. Perhaps there would be buses, perhaps

With the station obviously closed for business, the mass of business travellers, families and tourists made their way to the station car-park, past a small and static gaggle of male rail employees who were standing around, speaking into their walkie-talkies and looking as urgent and harassed as any group of completely unemployed men ever could. Was it possible, asked my 5ft 1in partner, for someone to help them with the box? One snorted,

another cast his eyes up to heaven. Didn't she know that there was a crash on? "We're bringing bodies off the line, said one, whose own body hadn't shifted in 30 minutes.

By now, the car-park was full of people, some (especially those with children) frantic, some (like the football team) pissed. One of the railmen humbered over. "There'll be buses on the other side of the station, he yelled. "When?" He didn't know. "How many?" Didn't know that, either. And off he went again, leaving the masses, like the children of Israel, to march off out of bondage under their own steam.

After about an hour, the first bus arrived. Not a capacious double-decker, nor even

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a coach, but a hoppa – one of those things that takes two small pensioners and a shopping buggy and has a range of about half a mile. By now, an off-duty female rail employee, tiring of the offensive incompetence of her male colleagues, was actively organising tired passengers into queues for the non-existent buses. Everyone did as they were

Those few with a bit more of their own or their employer's money to burn kept on the look-out for taxis. One drew up beside the large box and asked my wife where she wanted to go. As she replied, a female voice from behind squealed, "Whatever she's paying, I'll pay more!" A Barbour-clad twentysomething, who had obviously not heard of the Blitz, was now entering an auction for the cab, which suited the driver, who was happy to entertain bids. Faced with the forces of evil, my wife

gave up. What would she now say characterises the British in a time of crisis? For the most part, it's docility, ignorance, apathy, selfishness, self-righteousness and buck-passing. Depressing, eh?

Oxford, city of dreaming cranes

The university town has trouble ccepting change: even when it is a ree gift, says Godfrey Hodgson

ot before Guy Fawkes Day will Congregation, Oxford University's democratic but distirtly unwieldy parliament, get to dece whether the university will accet Waliq Said's £20m benefactionnd build a business studies centre a part of the university's staff spos ground. In the meantime, don:have been reaching for their trus:word-processors and firing off lettes to the newspapers, and Oxford has een enjoying its favourite pastime argument.

Te business studies project will nowave p run two gauntlets. First, the non in gowns will have their chace with the cudgel; then, if Congreation says yes, it will be the turn of te townics on the city's planning committee- many of them, like the Grens' leider Mike Woodin, dons

I the long run, the betting is that the projed will go through both Cogregation and the council, althugh, presumably, its chances are nocacity helped by the fact that the grundsmin at the sports ground in question. who lives on site, is a certaa Bill Baker. This Bill Baker is the sane man who just happens to be a fomer Libour leader on the counci, a member of the planning com-retice, this year's sheriff, and next

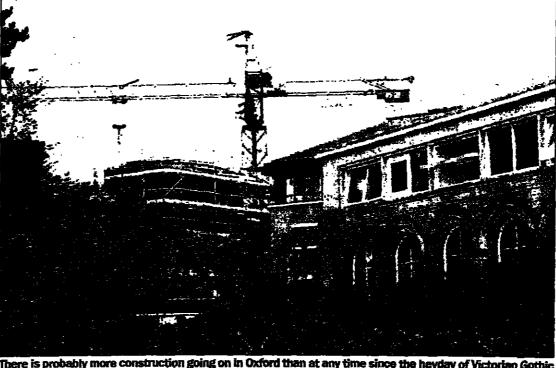
yar's lord mayor. Oxfore council properly has rules fabidding a member to take part in rebate wiere he or she has an interest. But the Baker coincidence does ilustratethe dense network of comjeting idiologies and vested interests that make it so hard to get anything done in this country. Oxford, like Britain as a whole, dis-

likes change – but has to change rather fast just the same. The ques-tion for Oxford – and for Britain – is whether we can change fast enough, or whether we are so divided in our visions of the university, and the society, we want that we succumb to "Six Lane Threat to Heart of

City", said the splash headline in last week's Oxford Times. The story underneath revealed that the proposal was to build four new lanes of road for about a hundred yards across a piece of derelict land near the railway station, a mile from the "heart"

At a recent public meeting to discuss a proposal to build housing along the canal in North Oxford, a woman got up who claimed to represent the Thomas Hardy Society. The new houses, she feared, would hide St Barnabas's church, a Victorian structure whose chief architectural interest is its interior mosaics. The Hardy connection is simply that Jude the Obscure lived near the church. And the only place where a Hardy lover's view of St Barnabas would be obscured by the planned housing would be if they were lying flat on their face in a marshy part of Port Meadow. Almost no argument against doing something

is too absurd to be listened to. And yet, as Galileo said under his breath, it does move - sometimes. There has probably been more building associated with the university



There is probably more construction going on in Oxford than at any time since the heyday of Victorian Gothic

than at any time since the heyday of Victorian Gothic a century ago. There are more than a dozen tower cranes at work in the city centre, where Magdalen, Merton, New College and half a dozen other colleges are at work on major extensions.

This activity, it is true, is largely

motivated not by vision, but by fear. Colleges are afraid that the college fee, a supplement paid by the government to collegiate universities, will be abolished. Bursars have worked out that if they build high-quality accommodation and rent it to the students in term-time and then to business conferences in the vacations, they will get a higher return than they were getting on their gilt-edged

Most of the time, this new edifice complex provokes no more than subdued grumbling from town and gown alike. But now cometh Wafiq Said, and the grumbling has become fornissimo from both town and gown. The university's wish to build management studies into the structure of the university, instead of isolating them at Templeton outside the ring road, runs up against interests and ideologies of every kind.

Some dons do not approve of Mr Said and his business career. Even if there were grounds for criticism - and the university is confident that there are not - the critics would seem to be on shaky ground. After all, criticism has been levelled at the business life of many recent donors, such as Cecil Rhodes and Antonin Besse, who endowed St Anthony's, not to speak of older benefactors such as Cardinal Wolsey. What is gentility, asked the 17th century antiquary John Selden, save ancient riches?

Another strand of criticism comes from those who disapprove of management studies, either in themselves or as inappropriate to a university whose glory has been in the arts. It is true that there are some who blame Masters of Business Administration for all the follies of modern business culture. But surely the answer is to produce better management graduates - not to stop study-

ing management at all. For many decades, in any case, Oxford has successfully expanded its reputation for research and teaching into first the hard sciences, then engineering, law, economics and edicine. This has done no obvious

damage to its reputation in arts

subjects. A more understandable criticism comes from those in the university and they are many - who feel that money is desperately needed to improve their salaries and to invest in hadly needed improvement in the library system and information technology. Understandable, but hardly logical. To welcome a donation for one purpose makes it more, not less, likely that donors will come forward for other purposes. To rebuff or insult potential donors is to deserve poverty.

As a matter of deliberate policy, the Government has decided to increase the numbers of university students, which is good, while at the same time reducing the real level of resources given to universities to teach them, which is insane. This leaves the universities with little alternative but to find the resources they need wherever they honourably can, and get on with the job they have to do.

What is needed, in fact - in Oxford. as elsewhere in Britain - is an end to the paralysis induced by the deadlock of ideologies and the jungle of vested interests. What is needed, in a word, is a bias in favour of action.

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Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle

A lecture by Frank Whittle was a refreshing cocktail of techni-cal brilliance, laced with bubbly humour and occasionally spiked with a quip or joke to avoid any sign of pomposity. For his lis-teners, aware that they were in the company of an eminent Englishman and one of the greatest engineers of all time, it was an unforgettable experience.

In today's fast-moving world most of us take the jet engine for granted, as it powers us to globe. It is easy to forget that by inventing and giving buth to the turbojet, Whittle changed the lives of countless millions of people throughout the world. Few of us know that it was Whittle's engine that introduced America to the jet age, or that (after losing seven years failing to gain any support) he still gave Britain a two- to three-year lead in jet technology immediately after the Second World War. However, many across the globe still identify him as the jet pioneer, and his name is in-delibly printed in the annals of aviation history and technology. The former prime minister Margaret Thatcher wrote: "His life and work are an object lesson on the creativity and inspiration of British engineering at its best. He has always retained the great gift of original thought

Frank Whittle had to strug-gle to realise his objectives. He was one of a minority of great inventors to be reared in a working-class background, haunted by the shadow of pover-ty, as he said, "a street urchin on six days a week and carefully dressed little boy on Sunday".

An early fascination for aeroplanes and interest in the sciences, including science fiction, made him determined to become an RAF pilot. From the age of 10 he learnt to use machine tools, and the implements of the draughtsman's trade in his father's workshop. He then won a scholarship to Learnington College, which led to his joining the RAF as a boy apprentice at the age of 16.

After three years of harsh dis-cipline and first-class training as a fitter, 364365 Apprentice Whittle, F. was one of five boy entrants out of 600 to win a cadetship, and his dream of becoming a pilot was within his grasp. The two years 1926 to 1928 were formative. Whittle was physically small, disliked team games, pursued the cult of the individual; he was hardly the sort of chap who would appeal to the more flambovant and team-spirited ex-public-school fraternity. Although apprenticeship training had given hur certain advantages, particularly in the workshops, the social gap was wide.

However, the first flower of his genius was to blossom at RAF Cranwell, where he had become more and more en-

grossed in science and was at his best in physics, mathematics and the theory of flight. At the age of 21, in 1928, he wrote a thesis entitled "Future Developments in Aircraft Design". He envisaged speeds of over 500mph in the stratosphere, at heights where the air density was less than one-quarter of its sea-level value (he had covered the properties of the atmosphere in an earlier thesis). He was awarded full marks by Proalmost every corner of the fessor Sinnatt, who said, "I couldn't quite follow everything you have written, Whittle. But I can't find anything wrong with it." This thesis was to change the course of his life and sowed the seed of a revolution

> At that time, his ideas were considered by many to be in the realms of fantasy, or science fiction. The maximum speed of front-line fighters then was rather less than 150mph, and they had a service ceiling of only 20,000ft. But this was no dream on Whittle's part. His calculations had proved it possible.

The pursuit of excellence in everything he tackled became Whittle's hallmark. And so it was with his flying. He was assessed as "Exceptional to Above Average". For a short phase in his life being a fighter pilot was his forte, and he gave full rein to the "dare-devil" spirit within him. He had become an officer and a gentleman, elated by his pilot's wings; he had fallen in love with Dorothy Lee from an affluent middle-class family.

However, his proposed engine was never far from his thoughts. Nineteen thirty proved a dramatic year for him. On 16 January he filed the Provisional Specification for his turbojet, and on 24 May he married Dorothy Lee in Coventry. On 24 June he participated in the Hendon Air Display, performing his crazy flying routine, and proved finally that he could do better than the vast majority of his public-school contemporaries, both in the air and on the ground.

The RAF, to its credit, had realised that Whittle was a budding mathematical genius and, after he had completed the officers' engineering course at Henlow, sent him to Cambridge engine.



The father of the jet age: Whittie in his office in 1948, in the foreground is a model of his Gloster Meteor i

Thus 1936 was a year of op-portunity. Whittle had gradu-University. There he worked around the clock, primarily engrossed in his engine project, ated with First Class honours in and endeavouring to keep pace the Mechanical Sciences Tripos. with his studies. By 1935, he had and was granted a postgraduate gathered three accomplices: year. During this period of in-W.E.P. Johnson, R. Dudley-Williams, and J.C.B. Tinling. tense activity, Power Jets Ltd was formed and arrangements made to build the WU (Whit-These three RAF pilots became partners, and made an invalutle Unit) engine. Whittle's conable contribution to his project.

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bine. Historically the gas turbine had been regarded, like other

turbines, as a machine for sup-

plying shaft power. Whittle rec-

ognised it as the ideal means of

By 1936 Whittle's turbojet patent had lapsed, and he had almost given up the idea of ever seeing a turbojet constructed. The breakthrough came when O.T Falk, a small firm of investment bankers headed by Oswald Falk, a friend and colleague of Maynard Keynes, asked M.L. Bramson to pronounce on the validity of the idea. Falk advanced a small sum, enabling Whittle to form a company and design an actual

providing jet propulsion for The Air Ministry allowed him to act as Honorary Chief Engineer and Technical Consultant to Power Jets for five years, on the basis that it was to be "a very spare-time job". British Thomson-Houston accepted a contract on a cost-plus basis, having rejected his proposals five years previously. Short of capital and having to travel the country in his quest for new materials able to withstand the high temperatures involved, Whittle and his team began building the turn mom on sign work he was involved in fighting battles on all fronts, not least with civil servants whose attitude remained cynical and

uncompromising.
On 12 April 1937, at the age

supreme moment of his life, Absorbed in the fantastic excitement of new discovery, smelling the kerosene, and hearing the thunderous roar of the engine he had created, he had achieved the first run of a turbojet. But further development work was required. Lacking finance and official recognition in high places, Whittle's triumph ended in a battle for survival. Had he received his due official backing when he had been granted his patent in 1931, the RAF might well have been equipped with jet fighters before

the Battle of Britain. Aero-engine manufacturers had enormous vested interests in piston-engine power to protect. They did not want to scrap everything that they had worked for, or to start learning a new technology. They saw the turbojet as a potential rival to their cherished engines, and followed the prevailing belief that gas turbines did not work. It was not until 1939 that Whittle received Air Ministry production con-tracts for the W.1 flight engine, and the Gloster/Whittle E.28/39 aircraft - Britain's first jet.

The E.28/39 made its maiden flight on 15 May 1941, by come involved and so were the than existed in Britain. At home, plans had been formulated for the production of the Meteor, Britain's first jet fighter. This had been Whittle's

Leslie Cheshire of BTH, who worked with him, said,

The thing that I most remember about Frank Whittle was his total ababout Frank within was doing - a sorption in what he was doing - a total concentration which impinged itself on the atmosphere structured itself on the atmosphere structured ing him. It was very hard for anybody to evaluate him, because he was a many-sided person who had a charming naïveté. He trusted people, and believed that everybody was motivated by common send. motivated by common good.

In May 1942 he was sent to the US to do whatever he could to help the Americans with their own development of his engine. Whittle was impressed by the vitality and breadth of vision incorporated in the American system, once his project had been accepted. It made him feel good, and it showed more than ever what might have been achieved if he himself had had such backing when he ran his first turbojet in April 1937. But his visit proved invaluable

in other respects. He proved to the Americans, at the highest level, that Britain was in the companies were anxious to be- gy. The timing was perfect because the war was going badly United States, via General on all fronts, and Britain need-"Hap" Arnold. Within six ed prestige in America. Lendmonths Whittle engines were Lease agreements were being being made in the US, and soon negotiated and the Atlantic of 29, Whittle experienced the America had more jet aircraft was fast becoming a highway for

the interchange of British and US Army Air Forces personnel. Apart from introducing America to the jet age, Whittle's visit proved of major significance in uplifting British technology. and promoting understanding

between the two countries. But years of tension and strain had taken their toll, and Whittle was suffering bouts of illness which were to recur over a long period. In spite of this he relentlessly carried on his work. determined to give the RAF a jet fighter. It was he who had created and given birth to the turbojet, and he was well aware that he was the key figure in its development as a weapon of war. This required not only his genius, but his driving force and singleness of purpose, which set him apart from lesser mortals, and enabled him to overcome political and bureaucratic frustrations.

That the Ministry of Aircraft Production did not take the pressure off him and give him full support to allow him to get on with the job is well documented and part of history. By the time his technological victory was complete, control of development passed into other hands. When Rolls-Royce came on the scene in 1943, Whittle's vital invention at last took off in Britain. The late Sir Stanley Hooker (formerly of Rolls-Royce who took over engine development) said of him:

Whittle had an unrivalled grasp of the fundamentals of thermodynamics fundamentals of thermodynamics and aerodynamics, and he never did anything until he had given it the deepest and most logical considera-tion. As I came to understand his work, I realised that he had laid down work, I reassed that he had tail own the performance of jet engines with the precision of Newton, a feat whose magnitude he never appeared to appreciate.

For the preceding 30 years the performance of piston engines in flight was known only to a very rough appreciation before a very rough appearance of the performance of piston engines.

was known only to a very rough ap-proximation based on inaccurate empirical formulae, yet Whirtle pre-dicted what a jet engine would do be-form he had ever made one. His formulae are still used unchanged. They are of such precision that it is more accurate to calculate the performance of jet engines, including the most modern fan engines, than it is to attempt to measure it either in flight or in the astronomically costly lest plants, which attempt to sim-nlate flight conditions on the ground. And this is true from take-off to the speed of Concorde, and beyond.

Invalided out of the RAF as an Air Commodore in 1948, Whittle received an award of £100,000, on the recommendation of the Royal Commission. A few days later he was created KBE in the Birthday Honours List, and invested with his knighthood by King George VI in July 1948. He said: "As the King touched me on each sword, 1 oe came the first Old Cranwellian to receive the honour of knightbood. The satisfaction which this gave me was overshadowed by my regret that I was leaving the Service in which I Hazel Hall; died Columa,

and which had given mathe training which made postile

the jet engine. The suddest time for hipsas to see the break-up of himoneer team, "One consequere," he said, "was the cancellath of important projects, notal the LR.1 which should have een the world's first turbolan, was half complete when steped. And then the power plat for the M.52 (the Miles supsonic aircraft) went down therain also nearing completid"

But Whittle never paven, In the 1950s he planned Configure liner operations for BOL, in the 1960s he develope the radical Turbodrill for dling through the earth's cut as Technical Adviser to listol Siddeley Engines (later olls-Royce). Emigrating to the US in 1976 be married his cond wife, Hazel Hall, and beene a Research Professor at th US Naval Academy, Annapis, in Maryland, Throughout, lectured across the globe at was sought after by leading action companies for advice anconsultation, applying his jath-ematical genius to ture developments in supernic

The RAF had been Wille's mentor since he becale a young boy apprentice. Hwas a product of the Servic retaining the style and hubur characterising an RAF ofter. That as a young engineeri of-ficer he revolutionised a cat traditional industry is a meture of his genius. The fantastitlevelopment in civil and milary aviation during post-war vars rates still higher the magnide of his continuing contributin to technological progress.

When Power Jets was htionalised, becoming to National Gas Turbine Eshlishment. Whittle surrendeld all his shares and rights, statit: "My belief is that a serving i ficer should not be in a posith to benefit from his emple ment in any commercial sensi Thus, his financial recompenfor inventing the jet engirested with those responsible i making awards. Therein is not only his total sense of dy to the Service he loved, t his resolution, and high mol

Frank Whittle, air force offer and engineer: born Covenil l List, attached to Power Jetstil 1937-46; CBE 1944, KBE 18: Technical Adviser to Contrer of Supplies (Air), Ministry of p-ply 1946-48; CB 1947; RS 1947; Honorary Technical d-VISET, JET AUCTAIL BUAG 42: consultant, Bristol Siddey Engines/Rolls-Royce 19610; RDI 1985; OM 1986; mard 1930 Dorothy Lee (two sis; marriage dissolved 1976), 76 had served since the age of 16, Maryland 9 August 1996.

The Rev Lawrence Jenco

Father Lawrence Jenco endured over 18 months of cap-tivity at the hands of radical Shia Muslims in Lebanon from 8 January 1985 until 26 July 1986. He was captured on his way to the doctor, just a few months after arriving in Beirut to take up his new position there as Director of Catholic Relief

Jeneo's ministry as a Catholic priest was driven by his love of the poor and his sense of social care for others. That is what led him to Beirut, then in a state of war, to minister to the worst afflicted - many of whom were themselves Shias.

He had been ordained a member of the Servite order in 1959, after studying for the

priesthood at Mount Carmel College in Canada, the St Joseph Seminary in St Charles,

maiden flight in May 1941

For the next 25 years he worked with the poor and the mentally and physically handicapped, and from 1981 travelled abroad in the employ of the Catholic Relief Services, first in North Yemen (for two years), then in Thailand (1983-84), and for a year in India before taking up his post in Beirut.

at risk of kidnapping by Mus-lim factions in Beirut in the mid-1980s (Jenco was the 10th of some 71). Nonetheless Jenco believed that he was not the person the Shias wanted to iake hostage, rather that he

was mistaken for someone else. Mistake or not, he was held against his will for more than a year and a half, the first six Illinois and in Rome. months in solitary confinement. naked and chained to the wall of a tiny cell in southern Beirut. After this he began to be moved from hideout to hideout in a

number of gruelling journeys. It was at this stage that he was placed in the same room with the Associated Press correspondent, Terry Anderson, the Foreigners were particularly longest-held of all the American hostages, who had been tak-

en captive two months after Though baptised a Roman Catholic as a child, Anderson had little use for religion as an adult. He attributes his adult

TOMORROW: Sir Bernard Ashley, hon life president, Laura Ashley, 70; Sir Richard Barratt, former Chief In-

conversion to the Catholic faith to his fellow hostage, Lawrence Jenco. Anderson dedicated a piece of his poetry in his book Den of Lions (1993) to Jenco. Upon learning of his death, Anderson said of him, "He added more to my life than any other

At various times Jenco also shared a cell with two other American hostages, David Jacobsen, a hospital administrator, and Thomas Sutherland, a university dean.

It was his great faith in God, rooted in the Christian scriptures, that allowed Jenco to develop a practical spiritual strategy almost unheard of in this modern world. This was demonstrated by a story he

told about an encounter which, though he did not know it at the time, turned out to be on the day before his release from captivity. His young Shia guard entered his room. Jenco pulled down the blindfold over his eyes. Until then he had always been addressed as "Jenco" by his guards. That day his guard said, "Dear father, can you ever forgive me?" In reply Jenco said, "Sayid, do you remember those early days [of captivity]?" (He described them as very violent and fearful days.) "Yes, I do," replied the guard. "I hated you," continued Jenco, "I must ask for your for-

his guard is not a common

occurrence. After eating his last hostage meal, he read from the Scriptures and wrote this prayer. "God, give me a new heart and a new spirit. You have asked me to love unconditionally. May I forgive as you have asked me to forgive, unconditionally. Then you will be my God and I will be your son." He called the book he wrote about his captivity Bound to Forgive - the pilgrimage to reconciliation of a Being hostage (1995). Unlike many of his former, fellow hostages, Jenco wanted someday to return to Lebanon to visit the Shias who held him captive for 594 days.

After his release, Jenco ac-

cepted the position as Campus Minister at the University of Southern California (in Los Angeles). Immediately before his death he was an Associate Pastor at St Domitilla Church in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

When it was determined this past winter that he had cancer, Lawrence Jenco said, "I always thought that God had a cross for me to carry, and I never thought the cross was being a hostage. Now I think I know what that cross is - to learn how to die." And, as he did with so many experiences throughout his life, he not only was a learner, but a great teacher. For those who knew him during these past seven months, he taught by courageous example how to



die in peace and with eat dignity.

Lawrence Martin Jenco, pst: born Joliet, Illinois 27 Noveber 1934; ordained priest 1959 jed

Births. Marriages & Deaths

SILLS: On 24 July to Carole (nee Lowe) and Richard, twin girls, Saskia Frances and Imogen Elizabeth, Sis-

STOGDON: On 7 August, to Caroline (nee Bundy) and Nicholas, a son, Samuel Putnam,

WHEEN: To Julia Thorogood and Francis Wheen, on 5 August 1996, at home, in rural style, Archie Francis Riversdale, a brother for Jack, Frank, George Anna and Bertie. With thanks galore to our next-door neighbour, Gill Davies.

LESLIE: Margery Leslie OBE (nee Betts). formerly Principal of the Richmond Adults College, wife of Professor R.F. Leslie for 54 years, died at the John Radeliffe Hospital, Oxat the John Radcliffe Hospital, Ox-ford on a August 1996. The funera-service will be at 5t Mary's Church, Charlbury, Oxon, on Thesday 13 Au-gust at 12 noon. Donations to Nine Acres Recreation Ground Charlbury ofo R.F. Lestic, Market House, Church Street, Charlbury OX7 3PP.

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The engagement is announced be-tween Sarah Claire Lorraine, daughter of Mrs Robert Ayres, of Stewkiey, Buckinghamshire, and Ian James Purcell, elder son of Mr and Mrs Terence Purcell, of Loughton, Bucknghamshire.

Birthdays

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Spector of Constabulary, 68; Mr Don Boyd, film director, 48; Sir Ge-offrey Cass, Chairman, Royal Shake-speare Company, 64; Miss Arlene Dahl, actress, 72; Mr Kenneth East-ham MP, 69; Mr James Eaton, Lord-Lieutenant, County Borough of Londonderry, 69; Professor John Fincham, geneticist, 70; Professor Bob Hepple, Master of Clare Col-lege, Cambridge, 62; Professor Alun lege, Cambridge, 6.2; Professor Ann Hoddinott, composer, 67; Professor Derry Jeffares, English scholar, 76; Sir Aaron Klug, molecular biologist, 70; Dame Jean Lancaster, former di-rector, WRNS, 87; Mr Raymond Leppard, conductor, 69; Miss Anna Massay, actrees, 59; Admiral Sir Ju-Massey, actress, 59; Admiral Sir Julian Oswald, former First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, 65; Miss Jean Parker, actress, 84; Sir Michael Quinlan, director, Ditchley Foundation, 66; Dame Angela Rumbold MP, joint deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, 64; Mr Thomas Taaffe, racehorse trainer, 63; The Right Rev James Thompson, Bish-

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Mystery, strangeness and life on Mars

giveness." Chained and blind-folded, the American hostage seeking forgiveness for hating

hardly improve on the news that a meteorite found in Antarctica has been found to contain traces of Martian

bacteria. For anyone who grew up after about 1940, this is a prophecy fulfilled. We can feel something of the same sense of the essential rightness of the universe as must have filled the Jehovah's Witnesses waiting for the apocalypse in the silly season of August 1914. Our pleasure, like theirs, is rendered all the more delicious by the vagueness of both prophecy and fulfilment. Whatever we expected the Martians to be, it was something more than a trace of chemicals inside in a rock. There is a wonderful inscrutability, a proper alienness, about such a sign from the universe. It may not make us alone, but it gives us no grounds to suppose that whatever may share the universe with us will turn out to be even comprehensible, let alone

This may seem to be something which increases the amount of mystery in the universe. But in one sense it will be understood by atheists to decrease the mystery of life. If life emerged on Mars, it will have done so by evolution from non-life. Life, to this extent, is robbed of its magic, and its need for a anything we can easily imagine.

faith **e**reason

Andrew Brown questions what the discovery of a Martian meteorite will teach us about the nature of the universe. Does it increase the credibility of Christianity?

special explanation. It is just something that happens according to the rules of a universe like ours, as gravity is, or elec-tricity; and we don't think of those as mysteries. Perhaps we should: if I am honest, I am still puzzled that Australians don't fall off. I can understand it, and accept as true that they don't, but I can't visualise it. Still, the mystery drains away once the mysterious seems predictable. There is no very good reason for this vanishing act: a universe whose behaviour is predictable according to mathematical formulae is quite as odd as one carried on the back of a giant turtle, and a lot less like

Is an unmade, unfeeling universe odder or less credible than one which preceding centuries. So what would was made to pivot around an act of redemptive agony? There cannot be a good measure of improbability for what is, by definition, the only universe we've got. We can talk about how different the universe of observation turns out to be from the universe of common sense; but it is very difficult to argue that one or the other is more natural or more probable. This is a razor that cuts both ways. Christians who accept the scandal of particularity have no business arguing from the anthropic principle that a universe with life in it is so unlikely as to demand a maker.

On balance, I think, the Martian meteorite will diminish, perhaps unreasonably, the credibility of Christianity. This is not because the central Christian doctrines cannot be easily adopted to make room for it: they can. But there are questions of identity involved. The Christian universe in which other planels are seeded with life - some of it presumably intelligent and in need of redemption - is very different from the universe of most of Christian history. It may not be different in its essentials, but it is different in its emotional colouring. The strain will come because many

a nice historical judgement - wheth a Christianity fully assimilated to to modern world is really the same religion as was practised by the builders of the great cathedrals - becomes a masty plitical dispute. The ancient and model forms of Christianity have to co-exist; as both tend to be weakened by their strugle. Fundamentalism has not hated the world half as much as it has lated li eral Christianity; and this teeling more than reciprocated by the liberal For at least the last 50 years, fund

mentalism has seemed to be gaining strength, and liberal religion dying, may be that this is purely a matter of sociology. But if there is a doctrinal rest son for the popularity of conscivative religion then it is surely that it has preserved a sense of mystery and strange ness better than liberal mainstream Christianity has, It's easy and almost always right to mock demands or "excitement" or "relevance" from evangelicals. But their instinct for exchement is surely right. The promise of fibrant religion, just as of real science is that common sense is wrong about almost everything that matters - and that the earth may turn out to contain frozen - perhaps most - of the Christians in threads of evidence for life on Mars.

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British Gas clashes with Ofgas over competition

CHRIS GODSMARK **Business Correspondent**

Another row is brewing between British Gas and the industry regulator, this time over moves to bring forward the introduction of the next stage of domestic competition, due to start in April 1997.

Ofgas is pushing to speed up the second phase in the development of the residential gas market, which would extend competition to 1.5 million homes across the south of England, to a new date in January.

Ofgas hopes to publish a consultation paper on the proposals at the end of this month, but has already held talks with TransCo, the British Gas pipeline business.

The move is believed to be



Clare Spottiswoode: Back from holiday for a meeting

popular with government min-isters, who bope to provide crucial voters in the South with cheaper gas bills.

But TransCo wants to spread the process over several months. Instead of an initial "big in i April, its preterred option is to introduce competition over a six-month period, taking each postcode area at a time. A spokesman said: "We see the value of some form of phasing over the first half of the year. We are concerned at what might be an over-hasty approach that could put customers off."

The Gas Consumers Council also prefers a step-by-step approach to competition, but such a move would mean many homes would not have the chance of cheaper bills from rival suppliers to British Gas before the general election, which must take place by next May.

The latest dispute comes as British Gas waits for Ofgas to reveal its contentious final price controls for the pipeline busiproposals, which would cut with Transco in court.

TransCo's revenues next year by between 20 and 28 per cent, reducing average bills by around £30 a year. British Gas said it would have to cut 10,000 jobs to fund the cuts, which it has de-scribed as the "the biggest smash and grab raid in history. The head of Ofgas, Clare

Spottiswoode, returns from holiday on Monday to face a meet-ing with British Gas as the company makes one final attempt to get her to water down the proposals. Publication of the final formula has already been delayed until "mid-August", though one industry source suggested they could be delayed beyond next week.

To prepare for domestic competition, TransCo has developed one of the world's largest computer databases to track customers as they leave British Gas Trading, the gas sup-ply arm of British Gas, for rival suppliers. In the first phase, which began in May with 500,000 customers in Devon and Cornwall, around 12 per cent of households switched from

However, several problems occurred, including some ex-British customers having hundreds of pounds accidentally debited from their bank accounts when they moved from the company.

The next stage, to extend competition to the whole of the south apart from Greater Lon-don, was originally due to take place next April, with the rest of the country included in April 1998. However, Ofgas said yes-terday: "The inclination is now to do something earlier in the year." The most likely new date

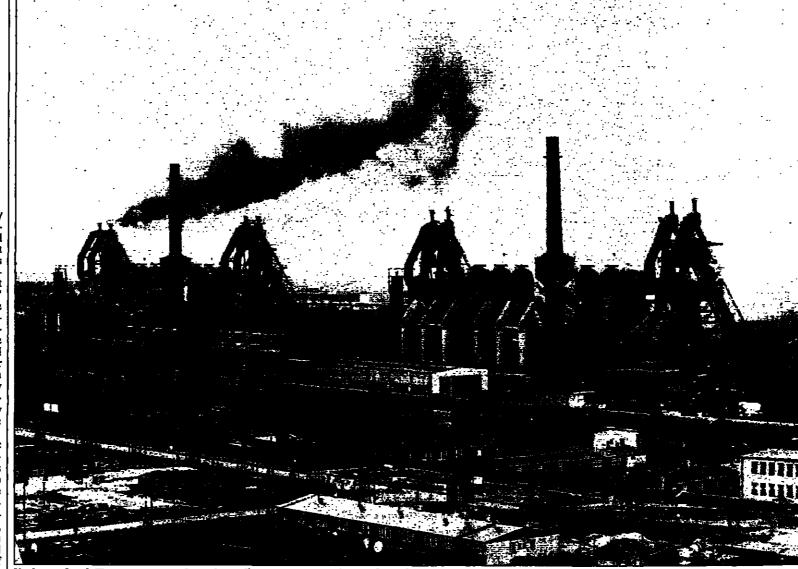
would be 27 January.

Several independent suppliers have said they are keen to start supplying gas in the region sooner. One company, Total Gas, has already begun marketing in Kent and Bristol.

Meanwhile another argument came to a n between TransCo and independent gas suppliers over the rules governing the way different firms use the pipeline infrastructure.

Suppliers must match the amount of gas they put in the system with the amount of gas used by customers. From next month these forecasts must balance daily, rather than monthly, or the firms could face severe financial penalties.

British Gas's rivals have complained that information from metering systems, which comes via TransCo, is not accurate enough to forecast daily demand. Ofgas said it would announce proposals on the issue on Monday. But yesterday one independent supplier said if the problems were not sorted ness. The company has cam-paigned ceaselessly against the have to challenge its contracts German steel scandal: Executives granted £1m bail after police swoop in Düsseldorf



Under a cloud: Thyssen arrests have been linked to the purchase of steel mills in the former East Germany

NIC CICUTTI and ELIZABETH KLEIN

The chairman of Thyssen, Dieter Vogel, and nine other senior executives at the German steel giant have been arrested in a series of police raids linked to £30m fraud over an east German metals trading company.

Detectives searched the homes of several of the arrested men, including Mr Vogel, together with Thyssen's head of-fice in Düsseldorf, for evidence linked to the alleged fraud. Other offices throughout Ger-many were sealed by police of-ficers and will be searched later.

By late last night, nine of the arrested men, including Mr Vogel, had been released on bail of up to £1m. Mr Vogel appeared briefly before a court in Düsseldorf, where charges were

Shares in Thyssen fell by more than 2 per cent to DM262.2 on the Frankfurt ex-

10 Thyssen bosses held over £30m metals fraud

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pany bought by Thyssen after German reunification in 1990.
Prosecutors allege both that managers at Thyssen took DM37.8m (£15m) from Metallurgichandel when it was sold and that a further DM32.2m of damages was caused by manipulating the company's

Among the other arrests are former Thyssen chairman Heinrich Kersten, and directors ervor Riede rich Gruber.

Berlin prosecutors have been investigating whether Thyssen

They follow an investigation vatisation agency in charge of into Metallurgiehandel, an privatising eastern German enterprises. A separate investigation was

launched in 1993 and shelved after Thyssen paid compensation worth £35m to Treuhand. Analysts yesterday said the ar-rests were a fall-out from the kind of free-wheeling deal typical in the heady days just after German reunification in 1990. The case is similar to that of

Bremer Vulkan, the biggest German shipbuilder. Bremer Vulkan sank after allegedly operations by siphoning off public subsidies earmarked to refurbish its eastern German

The giant steel-maker said in a statement: "The action of the state prosecutor is incomprehensible. There have been no new facts or evidence since the case was suspended in October

The company said the arrests had allegedly been made to ensure the managers concerned could not flee the country. "But the fact that most of those concerned interrupted their holidays to make themselves available for questioning means that the fears are absurd." fight the charges with all legal means at its disposal.

The company was indirectly

legedly defrauded. A spokes-man said: "The case is effectively closed for us." In 1990, as the Treuhand

strove to maintain jobs while selling off state-run enterprises in the formerly communist east, it acted hastily to strike deals with buyers in the interest of protecting jobs.

Treuhand contacted Thyssen in December 1990 to break up Metallurgiehandel, the eastern German state monopoly that controlled foreign trade of metal products.

Like shipbuilder Bremer Vulkan, but on a much smaller scale, Thyssen may have gone too far in trying to squeeze the best deal out of its acquisition of Metallurgiehandel.

"Everybody was trying to shelter themselves from losses," said Olaf Toelke, an analyst at

"They paid little for companies, sometimes only a token price of one mark, but they guaranteed employment."

Gehe re-enters battle for Lloyds

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The long-running battle for control of Lloyds Chemists took a new twist yesterday when Gehe, the German pharmaceutical giant that originally bid £650m for the British company, said it was still interested in taking it over - albeit at a

lower price. Gene cited the profits warning by Lloyds last month as the main reason for a possibly re-

duced offer. Karl-Gerhard Eick, chief financial officer at Gehe, sud vesterday: "The question at this moment must be whether Lloyds is still worth the pricewe offered in February. We are assessing with great concern what

the profit warning means tous.
Since our last offer, Lloyds'
results went down by nearly 20 per cent. This surely influences the value of the company." His comments followed the

insistence by Ian Lang, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, that for a bid by either Gehe or UniChem, its UK rival, to succeed, either purchaser would have to divest itself of the Lloyds wholesale business by 18 October.

Both the Gehe and UniChen bids for Lloyds have already been referred back to either the Office of Fair Trading or the Monopolies and Mergers Com-

mission.

Mr Eick said: "We can only make a renewed bid for the company if we meet the condi-tions of the OFT, which means if we can present them buyers by 18 October for seven Lloyds Chemists warehouses, to meet competition concerns.

"We will try to reach agree-ment with the OFT as soon as: possible. There are plenty of potential buyers for the warehouses, mainly British. If we reach agreement with the OFT before the October deadline we might make a renewed bid before that date."

Gehe's latest re-entry into the takeover battle for Lloyds represents another round in a battle that began in February this

UniChem initially reached a £548m agreed bid for Lloyds in a deal that would have catapulted the merged organisation ahead of Boots and into top place as the largest chemists chain in the UK, with 1,300 branches and a 35 per cent market share.

The offer would have seen Lloyds directors enjoy bumper payoffs worth more than £4m as a series of cash bids by Gehe eventually reached £650m, compared with a similar cashand-shares offer by UniChem.

However, the bidding war was in effect kicked into touch by the Department of Trade and Industry, which referred Uni-Chem's bid - mounted at an estimated cost of £20m - to the MMC. Gehe's bid, which the DTI said raised competitive concerns, was passed to the Enropean Commission, which has referred it back to the OFT.

Somerfield shares show early sparkle

NIGEL COPE

Shares in Somerfield, the supermarket group, rose to a 14p premium on their first day of dealings yesterday though some of the company's original debt holders expressed displeasure over the handling of the flotation.

The shares, which were priced at 145p, shot to 162p in heavy early trading before settling down to close at 159p. There were trades as high as 165p, a

full 20p above the issue price. "It's about where we thought it would be but I still think it will go to around 180p in the medium term," one analyst said. Some of the debt holders in

the original Isosceles parent company said they were unimpressed with the flotation which saw two price cuts and a last-ditch attempt by the advisers Kleinwort Benson to sell Somerfield, Britain's fifth biggest food retailer, to rival supermarket groups last week.

"But having said that, the senior debt holders signed an agreement earlier this year agreeing to a minimum they would accept from the flotation. The proceeds cover that minimum.

Another debt holder said it was "displeased" with the flotation, but said it would not be filing any litigation against Kleinwort Benson, the German-owned investment

er said that any litigation might come from US investors such as the holders of junior debt and

"We're not very happy and I think it was mishandled," one of the former debt holders said.

bank, for selling the business too tive: "I'm absolutely delighted that Somerfield is an independent company and we can get on

deep discount bonds who did not receive full repayment. However, the debt holder thought law suits were unlikely. "They all played the game and most of them have made some money trading the debt along the way."

David Rowland: Expressed

Somerfield's chief executive, David Simons, was more posi-

dent company and we can get on

with expanding the business."
He refused to comment on Kleinwort Benson's handling of the issue, which was the largest non-privatisation flotation of the year. Somerfield blamed weak

stock market conditions and a profits warning from Iceland, its rival food retailer, for cutting the offer price twice in the run-up

Franc sinks on **EMU** fears

JOHN WILLCOCK

The French franc came under renewed pressure yesterday as rumours flew around dealing desks that France would fail to meet the criteria for European monetary union on time.

Institutions switched assets into mark bonds, which are seen as a safe haven in times of uncertainty, particularly when EMU looks vulnerable. Large foreign sell orders

forced the franc to a new fourmonth low of 3.4180 against the mark yesterday. Anti-franc sentiment was fanned by a number of rumours - that the French Prime Minister Alain Juppe might resign; and that the Governor the Banque de France, Jean-Claude Trichet, might be investigated over a past banking scandal.

There was intense speculation in Paris that a government move to prosecute former bosses of state-owned bank Crédit Lyonnais might tar Mr Trichet.

Finance Minister Jean Arthuis said on Thursday he was seeking the prosecution of former bosses at Crédit Lyonnais on the basis of fresh informalion on losses which drove the state-owned bank to the brink

This comes on top of a nationwide debate on whether France should stick to attaining the Maastricht criteria for EMU by 1999, or cut interest rates and go for growth. Single currency aspirants

must hold their budget deficits at or below 3 per cent of gross domestic product to qualify for a European monetary union on time on 1 January 1999. Mcmbers are to be selected in early 1998 on the basis of 1997 data. On the political front, as director of the Treasury when

Credit Lyonnais made some df the largest losses in French corporate history, Mr Trichet was in charge of supervising state-owned banks. He says he was the first to alert the govemment to the problems, calling for an investigation in a letter in October 1991. Never the less, French news-

papers saw the prosecution call partly as an attempt by President Jacques Chirac to destabilise or humble Mr Trichet, whose caution in cutting interest rates was criticised by the President last month.

Conservative government supporters want to stimulate a stagnant economy in time for 1998 parliamentary elections and blame Mr Trichet sorthodoxy for record unemployment.

Names claim support of US action group PNAG has said it has about Welford, who has led this latest David Rowland, the Lloyd's in backing business underwritten at the market chairman, has written to names, The Association of Lloyd's

JOHN WILLCOCK

A Lloyd's of London investor action group, which has launched a last-ditch legal challenge to the insurance market's recovery plan, yester-

American Names' Association (ANA) has advised its members to support PNAG in applying for a judicial review of Lloyd's reconstruction and renewal

3,000 members, but industry sources reckon this may be an overestimation since official documents issued ahead of the review indicated it had under1,300 members.

day claimed to have won the support of a US action group.
The Paying Names Action Group (PNAG) said that the posed the recovery plan for some time.

"I am very pleased to have support in our efforts to redress the balance of fairness in Lloyd's current R&R offer," said the PNAG chairman, Tony

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legal challenge. The case is due to be heard in the High Court on Monday

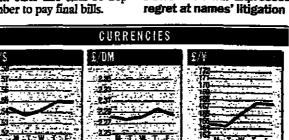
and comes as the 33,500 Names at Lloyd's decide whether to support the plan and pay final bills to reinsure billions of pounds of liabilities into a new company Equitas. PNAG believes the recovery

plan is unfair to names who have continued to meet cash calls from Lloyd's and trade on in the market after 1992 - the cut-off for reinsurance into in a letter dated 8 August, re-iterating his "regret" that PNAG has proceeded to apply for a judicial review. He repeated that Lloyd's

Lloyd's plans to send further details to names on Monday. They will receive a breakdown of how personal stop loss policies have affected their final bills and learn the size of their funds at Lloyd's as of 12

Members plans to release on Monday a report from solicitors Wilde Sapte, expected to back key elements of the recovery plan including Equitas. could not improve further on a £3.2bn settlement offer to names. Rebel names are furious that, having shouldered years of

losses due to asbestos claims and the like, they will be left out in the cold by the settlement. Names have until 28 August to accept or reject the settle-ment offer and until 30 Sep-July – assets they have pledged tember to pay final bills.



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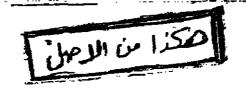
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A monstrous brewing deal we will all regret

JEREMY WARNER

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Another monstrous brewing merger is the second-largest brewer in the UK with about to be unveiled, and like the last one about 25 per cent of the market. Most of us about 25 per cent of the market. Most of us that between Scottish & Newcastle and Courage - there is every chance of the Government waiving it through with little more than a murmur of protest. The deal should have been announced yesterday but, as has happened so often before in this long-mooted takeover, there was a last-minute hitch.

What is proposed is that Bass acquire Carlsberg-Tetley, itself the result of a merger in the early 1990s between the UK brewing interests of Allied Domecq and Carlsberg of Damand. East Carlsberg the deal with Denmark. For Carlsberg the deal with Allied proved nothing short of disastrons. Carlsberg-Tetley doesn't make any money, despite a relatively large share of the market Rear relatively large share of the market Rear references. ket. Bass offers Carlsberg the possibility of salvation - a minority stake in what would become Britain's largest brewing operation by far, and a highly profitable one at that. Allied, too, needs to get shot of this albatross. If they were honest about it, the other big players might welcome the deal as well for the other than the othe for it offers the prospect of brewery closures. less competition, firmer beer prices and a period of upheaval at Bass in which to win market share.

For the rest of us, however, and for the legion of small brewers which these islands thankfully still supports, this deal is a bad thing and should be fought. Bass is already

would think that already too large. With this deal, Bass would leapfrog S&N with about 30 per cent of the market to take something approaching 40 per cent. With 70 per cent of the market accounted for by just two players, and half of the rest by a third, Whitbread, the others are not going to stand a chance. Slowly, but surely, they will be squeezed out of business.

As I understand it, the case for the merger

goes something like this. Carlsberg-Tetley loses money. A Bass takeover would be a less painful way of carrying out the necessary rationalisation. To leave it struggling on alone would merely be to sentence it to prolonged death by a thousand knives. Furthermore, since the Government has already allowed to the control of the control S&N to do something similar, it would be oppressive and discriminatory to stop Bass. Ian Lang, President of the Board of

Trade, might find some merit in these arguments, but I'm blowed if I can. The evidence is overwhelmingly that market concentration on this scale is bad for the consumer, bad for small competitors, bad for employment and bad for diversity. Since Australia allowed its six brewers to merge into two in the 1980s, beer prices have never looked south and consumer choice has suffered abominably. It is no accident that beer prices in Scotland, where there is an effective duopoly, are so | the single European currency and expect to | they can disadvantage the Anglo-Saxon specmuch higher than they are in the North of England and the Midlands. Carlsberg should be forced to resort to its fall-back plan - buy ing out Allied and trying to make a go out of this bombed out and deeply demoralised

Is the City on Target for the euro's launch?

For most people, the debate now raging over access to Europe's new "larget" system for interbank transactions in euros must seem about as relevant as a 10-bob note. Unless you are a reader of the of the Financial Times and the Economist, whose arcane columns have been banging on about this for some months, you would scarcely have noticed it at all. Yet among central bankers, better informed politicians, and forward thinking commercial bankers, it seems to

have become a matter of some importance At this stage, it is hard to tell whether these matters are actually going to mean much for London's foreign exchange markets or not. About the most that can be said with any certainty is that they might do. The issue has none the less assumed a symbolic significance, one that characterises the divide between those who are committed to be in it two years hence, and those like ourselves who are more than likely to be out.

Target - the acronym for Trans-European Automated Real-time Gross Settlement Express Transfer – promises to be more than just a settlement system for transactions in the new single currency. It is also the mechanism through which the European central bank will pursue monetary policy. Interest rates will, in part, be set through the liquidity that the cen-tral bank provides to facilitate large-scale interbank transactions in the euro.

This all sounds like deeply technical stuff, but the point at issue can be distilled into something relatively simple. The French and the Germans, who will form the core of the ew currency union, believe that their own banks should get more favourable liquidity terms than those operating among the outs. Why, they say with some justification, should the outs get all the benefits of the euro while not having to abide by its disciplines?

There is a subtext here, of course, which goes beyond the old debate over a two-speed Europe. Britain has the largest foreign exchange markets in the world. Frankfurt and Paris are both jealous and suspicious of this position at the same time. The idea that the main market in the euro could actually be in London, where the new currency won't even buy a pint of beer, is anathema to them. If | franc and German mark.

ulators of the City, so much the better.
I've no idea who is going to win this battle. The Bank of England is naturally in there batting for Britain at tortuous negotiations taking place under the auspices of the European Monetary Institute. But the wicket is a sticky one given Britain's ever more stand-offish position in Europe.

Does it really matter if the battle is lost? My own view is that it probably doesn't. Markets these days are global and the City is an ingenious and innovative player in these things. The idea that curo trading will gravitate to Frankfurt and Paris simply because the European central bank offers them advantageous terms of access to Target doesn't strike me as a very credible one. If the European central bank discriminates, somehow or other the City will find a way of bypassing it.

This is not to say that European monetary policy will be determined by Anglo-Saxon speculators, but one way or another they will continue to have their say. The London Investment Banking Association is surely right to warn of lack of preparation in the City for the advent of the euro. But I suspect the City will be just as capable of holding its own in the new euro markets as it is now when it comes to trading in the French

Cardcast

in talks

over

merger

Two of Britain's top suppliers of card payment and fraud prevention services, Card Clear and

Cardcast, yesterday confirmed

they are in merger talks aimed

at expanding their combined services into Europe.

Both organisations hope to

complete their talks within the

next few months, with a merger

based on a share-for-share of-

fer by Card Clear for Cardcast.

director at Cardcast, said yes-

terday: "The directors of both

companies believe these dis-cussions, should they go ahead,

will be in the best interests of all

organisations forms part of the

continuing war, waged by banks

shareholders and customers."

Graham Hooley, managing

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Restructuring sets Unilever back £108m

JOHN WILLCOCK

Unilever took a £108m restructuring hit in the second quarter which included its acquisition of a US shampoo maker, and another £7m from falling meat sales due to the mad cow disease scare.

Despite disappointing results at the bottom of expectations the City kept faith with the Anglo-Dutch food giant's recent purchase of the US-based Helene Curtis shampoo group, and Unilever's shares closed at 1.243p, down just 6p.

have pointed up the nearzero growth in Continental European demand, and against this Unilever's overall sales growth of 8 per cent to £16.5bn was welcomed by analysts.

The pre-tax profit figure emerged 6 per cent lower than last time at £617m, at the bottom end of City forecasts, due to the slightly larger-than-expected restructuring charge.

Analysts also pooh-poohed the perennial rumours that Unilever might seek to liven up its growth rate by buying confectionery and soft drinks giant recovery in meats in the UK but

Cadbury Schweppes. The not back up to pre-BSE levels, rumour was re-ignited by Cad-although that had been somebury's sale on Thursday of a US business, but John Campbell of Paribas Capital Markets said Cadbury's market share was not big enough for Unilever's needs.

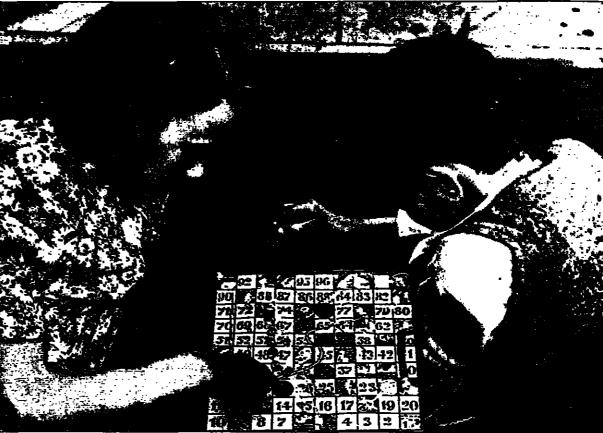
"In reality Cadbury is number three world-wide in soft drinks and number four in confectionery. Unilever wants a business in the number one or two spot, if it's going to compete with the likes of Nestlé and Phillip Morris."

The BSE scare had already Recent results from similar forced Unilever to write off groups such as Procter & GamEl5m in the first quarter as sales of Birds Eye Beef Burgers and other meat products dipped, particularly on the Continent. But the company had already started a strategic move away from meats towards sauces.

A Unilever spokesman said: "The continued effect of BSE is a little sad. We had a further £7m write-off in the second quarter which brings the total for the half-year to £21m. Consumer confidence is still being unnerved by the continuing debate over the BSE issue.'

remained difficult in both He said there had been some France and Germany.

A throw of the dice lands makers of 'Snakes and Ladders' with new owner



Crown Products Group, the Aim-listed leisure group has expanded its interests in the supply of adventure playgrounds to leisure centres and retailers with two

and Ladders, Crown says that it has se-

cured the services of its managing di-

Christmas and sold another 15. Trading profits from Europe were £407m in the second quarmore acquisitions, writes Nigel Cope.
It has acquired Snakes and Ladders, ter, little changed from £403m which manages venture playground facilities, and Yorkshire Playgrounds previously. Overall operating margins in Europe were flat at which installs and runs themed leisure 9.3 per cent. Unilever added that trading facilities. With the purchase of Snakes

rector, David Griffiths, Mr Griffiths was previously the chief executive of Wembley Stadium and the Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Sports Centre, Hong Kong. The deal has been struck on an earnout basis which will be calculated as a

maximum of twice profits before tax in the third year. Crown said the acquisition of York-shire Playgrounds will also be paid by way of an earn-out calculation over one year. Crown is taking advantage of the

Crown came to the Alternative Investment Market last December after acquiring a fine art stationery group. It is also distributing a range of arts and craft products based on Walt Disney characters. In June the company completed its fifth acquisition when it acquired RGM Originals, a greetings card specialist.

and scores of other issuers, including stores and petrol comincreasing number of leisure centres and retailers keen to offer a diversion panies, against card fraud, thought to cost hundreds of milto younger children.

the BBC may also be in line to

share in any savings achieved by the new owners within a set time

Among the likely bidders for

the services is NTL, the US-

owned company that provides

transmission services for ITV and Channel 4. The company

declined to confirm yesterday

that it had registered to receive

"It has always been our in-

tention to acquire the BBC

transmission services, which

we believe that we could run

However, a spokesman said:

the sales memorandum.

lions of pounds each year. Both Card Clear and Cardcast operate on the basis of similar technology, whereby they receive details of stolen or lost cards from issuers and use technology to transmit this information to points of sale in which these cards are likely to be used. If a stolen card is used, the equipment supplied to the store or other point of sale will detect its use. The two companies are almost unique in the UK the manner in which they

provide their services. Cardcast, which was first set up in 1990, achieved an Aim listing in April this year. The company, which employs 15 staff in Byficet, Kent, has a market cap-

italisation of more than £14m. It has contracts with a range of companies, including Tesco. Asda, BP and Shell, covering some 22,000 points of sale in the

Card Clear, which listed on Aim last year, employs 12 staff in nearby Wentworth. Worth an estimated £20m, it made firsthalf profits of £204,000 on a

turnover of £904,000. The company has recently signed deals with Mobil and Argus and its systems cover some 3.000 points of sale. A Card Clear spokeswoman said that while expansion into Europe was an important aim, the ability for any organisation to cover more points of sale in the UK was also important.

IN BRIEF

• Boosey & Hawkes, the music group, has claimed victory in its legal dispute with Walt Disney over the copyright to Igor Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring. The company said a US court has found in its favour in the dispute, arising out of Disney's distribution of video cassettes and video discs of the Fantasia film, which includes music from The Rite of Spring. The court ruled in favour of B&H on the principal issue in the case, holding that distribution rights granted to Disney by Stravinsky at the time of making the rustion rights granted to Disney by Stravinsky at the time of making the rustion rights granted to Disney by Stravinsky at the time of making the rustion rights. ing the motion picture Fantasia in 1939 did not include the right to distribute Fantasia videos, Boosey & Hawkes said. B&H acquired the rights to the music in 1947. B&H said it is taking advice as to how to proceed in claiming compensation.

 Producer prices in the US were unchanged in July, the Labor Department said. On a year-on-year basis, producer prices were up 2.6 per cent. The core rate, which excludes food and energy prices, was up 1.5 per cent year-on-year. For the first seven months of 1996 producer prices were up 1.9 per cent compared with a 1.2 per cent rise a year earlier.

• Glasso Wellcome said it had received approval from the US Food and Drugs Administration to market its Tritec tablets in combination with clarithromycin for the treatment of active duodenal ulcers associated with Helicobacter pylori infection. Helicobacter under its a hosterium that is the main cause of particular and active the main cause of particular and activ pylori is a bacterium that is the main cause of peptic ulcers and has also been linked to gastric cancer. Tests using the two treatments in combination have shown that they achieve strong eradincuis in communation have shown that they achieve strong eradication rates with a low risk of ulcer re-occurrence. The FDA first recommended Tritee's US approval in December, 1995. Tritec has been marketed in Britain since September, 1995, and has been approved in other markets such as Italy and New Zealand.

• The all-German consumer price index rose by 0.3 per cent in July against the previous month and annual inflation edged up to 1.6 per cent, the Federal Statistics Office said. Year-on-year price growth picked up from June's 0.1 per cent monthly rise and annual 1.4 per cent increase, which was the smallest rise since annual 1.4 per cent increase, which was the smallest the since statisticians began compiling pan-German data in January 1992, 15 months after unification. Strongest price increases were registered in the west for personal equipment and other goods, due to seasonal hikes for package tours and hotel accommodation. Energy prices were also pushed up by an increase in the cost of

● London & Edinburgh Publishing, a publisher of souvenir guides for top sporting events such as the Derby and the Grand National, is joining the AIM market next week with a price tag of £3.05m. The flotation involves an institutional placing of around 13.9 million shares at 10p each, raising £1.25m. The shares will start tradition shares at 10p each, raising £1.25m. ing on a forward p/e ratio of 7.6 and a yield of 3.6 per cent.

• Docks de France, facing a hostile takeover by rival Prench supermarket group Auchan, said second-quarter sales fell 1.25 per cent to FFr11.82bn (£1.5bn). No reason was given for the decline. Sales were FFr23.1bn in the first half, up 2.9 per cent from a year sales were FFr23.1bn in the first half, up 2.9 per cent from a year sales were FFr23.1bn in the first half, up 2.9 per cent from a year. earlier, according to an announcement in the official bulletin.

• Fresenius, the German medical products group, reported a 32. per cent rise in net profits to DM85m (£37m) at the group level, and said it planned to continue growing abroad. Particular growth areas will be Asia and Latin American. Earlier this year Brown areas will be Asia and Latin American. Latinet ims year Fresenius said it would acquire a 55.2 per cent stake in US-based WR Grace's National Medical Care unit for \$2.3bn (£1.5bn) in cash, forming the world's largest dialysis company.

BBC launches transmission services sale

As reported in the Indepen-

dent this week, the BBC's

extensive communications net-

work, including lines between

the corporation's London head

office and studios in the North,

will not be part of the package



what offset by improved sales of

white meats such as chicken.

flat. Underlying margins im-

proved further in personal care products and in Unilever's food

In Europe overall sales were

This was achieved through

cost reductions and changes to

the portfolio as the company

sold low-margin businesses, mainly in meat, Unilever said.

the autumn when Niall Fitzger-

ald takes over as chairman

from Sir Michael Perry. Mr

Fitzgerald is expected to redi-

rect the business towards

emerging markets, and brands

where the company can build better growth. Not that Sir

Michael has been idle on the

corporate front. Unilever

bought 24 businesses since

The City's eyes are firmly on

John Birt: Sell-off consistent with BBC chiefs' shake-up

Shares in Kenwood tested their

all-time low yesterday after the

kitchen appliances group

warned shareholders at their

annual meeting that results for

the first half would fall short of

Kenwood chairman Harold

Mourgue told investors that

difficult trading conditions in

Europe, combined with a con-

tinuing tendency for the core

business to be "more second-

But with new products due to

be launched in the second half

and the prospect of improved conditions in Europe, Mr Mourgue said Kenwood

remained confident about the

He added that trading in the

UK continued to show im-

provement on last year "with a

outcome for the full year.

half weighted", were responsi-

ble for the shortfall.

the same period last year.

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

The sell-off of the BBC's transmission services, worth up to £250m, was finally launched yesterday, with as many as a dozen confidential sales memoranda sent out to a list of potential bidders.

The BBC and its advisers, Lehman Brothers, declined to comment on its contents, but it is understood the sale will include 500 transmitters in the UK, all transmission and receiving equipment at the sites and the Warwick headquarters.

The sale is seen by many as a first step toward restructuring the BBC's sprawling opera-tions, and is consistent with a management shake-up annonnced by John Birt, the corporation's activist director general, early this summer.

pricing and changes in product

mix "continue to put margins

shares to ease 12.5p to 195.5p,

a whisker above their record low

of 189p a fortnight ago. Floated at 285p four years

ago, the shares have struggled

to perform against the backdrop

of sluggish consumer spending,

high raw material prices and competition from the Far East.

Kenwood's fall from grace be-

gan two years ago with the rights issue-funded acquisition

of Ariete, an Italian appliance maker, which has led to rising

Sentiment towards the stock

has also been affected by talk

of another paper-funded ac-

quisition. Last year Kenwood

lost its chief executive, Tim

Parker, to the privately run

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The news caused Kenwood's

under pressure".

Kenwood shares hit

by profits warning

arately by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Companies will be free to bid

put up for sale.
The transmission operations will be sold in two parts - the first covering the BBC's domestic television and radio services and the second incorporating equipment and services associated with the World Service, which is financed sep-

for both, but will be required to submit separate offers. The Government will receive the proceeds from the World Service sale, while the BBC will retain the full return from the domestic operations.

not be sold. The domestic operations will be sold on the condition that

The seven World Service

transmitters abroad, including

a new facility in Thailand, will

not be sold, for reasons sources

said were "diplomatic rather than commercial", but the suc-

cessful buyer of the World Ser-

vice transmission operations

will retain a contract to service

the overseas sites. In the UK, three of four World Service transmitters are to be sold. The

fourth, in Orfordness, is owned

by the FCO outright, and will

both BBC1 and BBC2 will be transmitted under contract for 10 years. In addition, the BBC's analogue radio, as well as its first-generation digital radio, will also be provided by the eventual buyer.

The service is to be guaranteed as to quality and price, and

NTL, formerly state-owned, was privatised four years ago, and sold to a consortium led by Mercury Asset Management, It

was sold to International CableTel, the US-based cable operator with extensive UK interests, earlier this year.

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a peak of 613.5p. responsible for the display of strength. Figures earlier this week were said to be the main influence although the firmness of the crude price was clearly

an influence. The shares are the cheapest of the international oil giants. And their appeal is strengthened by the prospect of sharp dividend increases and a possible share buyback within the

Other oils drew strength from the crude performance which ignored the growing prospect of Iraq commencing exports in the next few weeks following the UN Sanctions £256m expected. Committee's adoption of the oil-for-food requirements. Burmah, helped by an

years ago bumping along at a miserable 187p, flared 9.5p to Encouraged by the bubbling peak of 613.5p.

Oil display, the rest of the stock market staged a late bid to make it eight wins in a row. It just failed to achieve such a remarkable sequence, last

> was again thin with most investors, big and small, content to bide their time. BSkyB, the satellite televi-

MARKET REPORT DEREK PAIN

BP strikes new heights as crude price inspires oil firms

Stock market reporter of the year

managed three years ago. the latest Oftel proposals which The FT-SE 100 index finallow it to avoid a distracting ished only 0.7 points down at and potentially damaging re-3,810.7 after 3,793.9. Trading ferral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. New issue Somerfield, the su-

permarket chain, managed to cast a little embarrassment in the RSkyB, the satellite television station, broke through the 500p barrier for the first time, gaining 8p to 507p. James Capel and Barclays de Zoete Wedd made buy signals. Year's figures are due later this month with a near £100m gain to £256m expected.

Cast a little embarrassment in the direction of its advisers, Kleinwort Benson, touching 163p and closing at 159p in busy trading. Kleinwort was twice forced to lower the floation price, eventually settling on 145p.

Kwik Save fell 9p to 415p.

£256m expected. Shares of the discount group
BT was little changed at
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Hanson's rally continued with the price edging ahead to 168.5p. But BTR was stuck at

changed at 258p. Reports of a cable merger between Nynex and Telewest created a frisson of excitement The theory is the hard pressed cable companies believe their disappointment at the poor reception they have received would be eased if they pooled their resources. It was enough to lift Nynex 5p to 93p and Telewest 3p to 142p. Nynex has been as high as 147p in the past year, Telewest touched 195p. Cardeast and Card Clear,

its warrants exercise level, un-

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down to earth with United Friendly off 34p at 805p and its proposed partner, Refuge, down a further 15p at 393p. London & Manchester fell

15p to 366p and Britannic
22p to 741p.

Boosey & Hawkes ended the week on a high note. The shares jumped 68p to 798p after a US court ruled in B&H's favour in its dispute with Dispute over the convergent for the storage of cables and ropes. If the storage of cables and ropes, firmed to 157p on Williams defended in the storage of cables are expected to have risen nearly ney over the copyright for the Fantasia video. Earlier this week the company paid £17.9m for a reed maker. On

occupied with Carlsberg Tetley

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After Thursday's bhish of excitement, insurances came down to earth with United

and out of the running.

British Steel fell 3.5p to 178.5p as SBC Warburg remained negative and James Capel caution lowered Lucas Industries 2p to 231p.

Pan Andean Resources' Bolivian oil hopes lifted the shares 7p to a 123p peak and African Gold, also from the John Teel-

just ended with £4m likely this year.

they were actually talking merger. Card Clear, 5p firmer at 43p, is expected to make a share exchange offer for Card.

Hilton Hotels Corporation is Electronic Retailing Systems, Electronic Retailing Systems, is enjoying a spectacular run this month. The US supplier of electronic shelf labelling systems arrived at 145p when Henderson Crosthwaite placed shares to raise £7.7m. After a subdued few weeks the shares have come to life and yesterday jumped 25p to 198p. The group's products allow price changes and stock information to be transmitted between the shelf and a

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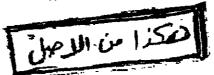
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Cullen running in the shadows of a legend

Christian Cullen would pass almost unnoticed in any crowd. Small in stature, quiet in demeanour, New Zealand's newest full-back has never wanted

to be the centre of attention. Culien prefers life in the slow lane. Anonymity as an All Black, however, is an absolute impossibility, as the 20-year-old from the farming back-blocks of Manawatu has discovered in the past five months.

Superstar status does not sit easily on his shoulders but Cullen is coming to terms with his changing lifestyle with the steely assurance that has catapulted him, in a few hectic weeks, to the pinnacle of international rugby, alongside the likes of Jonah Lomu.

David Daniels in Cape Town talks to the All Black who is His stunning displays in the Hong Kong Sevens in March the last line of defence - and the first port of call in attack gave a sneak preview of his talent, and in the six Tests that

rugby. "Christian may be a qui- was one thing I had to highlight Cullen has played since his imet guy but no one should imagpressive man-of-the-series performance in Hong Kong, no ine for a moment that he lacks self-belief," he said. "He is, in one, least of all a discerning New Zealand public, has been fact, a very confident fellow, and that's why he hasn't struggled to disappointed. A return of eight make the big step into the ininternational tries does not even begin to tell the whole stoternational game. ry. There is much, much more

"He has many attributes, not least of all his pace. That gets him noticed but I wouldn't rate that as his most potent weapon. Indeed, he has so much going for him that it's hard to pick out a particular strength. He is very courageous, and at full-back you need to be brave. His ball handling is exceptional, but if there

it would be his unpredictability. "He is a very daring player. He's prepared to try anything, any time. That makes him a handful for any side, and he's

almost impossible to contain. That makes my job a lot easier. Knowing I have guys like him and Jeff Wilson floating around on the outside means I can try things, too, knowing they'll be there to get on the end of any move. That really does give us an extra cutting edge, and I think we've become an even better team since Christ

Cullen wins his seventh cap in today's clash with South Africa in Cape Town in the final match of the Tri-Nations series. The prospect of that match and the up-coming three-Test se-

ries against the reigning world

champions is one that Cullen

"These matches are the ultimate test for both me and the rest of the team," Cullen said. "So far I've only played one Test away from New Zealand, when we beat Australia in Brisbane a couple of weeks ago.

Coming on this tour is a big step for me. In the week that

of being an All Black.

When I first got into the team I had to pinch myself sometimes to realise I was playing alongside some of my boyhood idols. I was in primary school when people like Sean Fitzpatrick and Zinzan Brooke first got into the New Zealand team. They were my beroes, so it took me a while to really believe that I was playing in the same side as them.

"Now this tour has given me the chance to establish my reputation at international level. I intend to make the most of my ince. Things have gone so well for me in the past few months that it's hard to believe

started to realise the importance Scoring three tries on my debut againsī Western Samoa was an incredible way to start and the four tries I got against Scotland in the next match gave me an even bigger buzz. I suppose it was fairytale stuff, but that kind of start gave me the inner confidence to try different things out on the pitch.

"That's not something I set out to do deliberately. I just play off the cuff, and if I see a chance to try something unusual then I'll go for it. I'm not afraid to make a mistake."

Cullen has made precious few of those at international level so far. François Pienaar and his bear testimony to that.

SECOND TEST: Difficult day shows that new men in charge will have the same old problems

to Cullen than that.

Andrew Mehrtens, whose

running and kicking skills at out-

side-half have almost relegated his predecessor, and linchpin of

the All Blacks since 1987, Grant

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DEREK HODGSON reports from Headingley

John Barclay will manage England's winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand with David Lloyd as coach and John Emburey, as forecast, as England's new bowling coach, his of-

ficial title being assistant coach. Lloyd's position, with a twoyear contract on offer, is firm. Barclay and Emburey, both of whom have successful A Tours on their CV, are on trial, awaiting the new management structure to be erected under the eventual direction of the new English Cricket Board. The combination looks good: Barclay, an old Etonian, is a diplomat, Lloyd a motivator and Emburey one of the most respected old pros in the business.

They will be no more on trial than several players. The the ball in the right place it will touring party will be named on seam. We bowled too short on 10 September and after yesterday's play, which has put this series against Pakistan almost beyond reach - England still need 144 to avoid a follow-on - a defeat would bring further calls for new blood, to which the selectors should retort: "From a stone?

The A team is expected to be a young side for a seven-week lunch but now seems to have tour of Australia that contains settled down, and batting beno representative matches. came much easier."

HENRY BLOFELD

Nasser Hussain.

Zimbabwe could see two or three players only just into firstclass cricket who are regarded as the pick of the next generation. As for the A tour manager, Mike Gatting's name has been mentioned.

If England spent much of the day under as deep a cloud as Leeds did, they were able to send home a well-behaved 15,750 crowd in some hope of a brighter today. The most bizarre episode in a dismal afternoon came after tea when the umpires walked out in such gloom they were holding their light meters. Pakistan's eight and nine, Moin Khan and Mushtaq Ahmed, waved away the offer of the light, tactically correct with a score of 423 for 7, but also signifying some contempt for England's bowling.

Dominic Cork, who finished with five wickets, was honest: "The pitch is good but if you put Thursday but we stuck at it and showed we're not frightened. We've got to think beyond a draw. This isn't as hard a surface as Lord's and I'm not expecting a big reverse swing."

Moin Khan, who became Pakistan's highest scoring wicketkeeper against England, said: "The pitch was seaming up to



Pakistan's Moin Khan just makes his ground to complete his century at Headingley yesterday Photograph: Peter Jay Hussain endeavours to entertain in the field

Surrey seal vital victory

MIKE CAREY

reports from Southport Surrey 211 and 442 Lancashire 145 and 368 Surrey win by 140 runs

Trafalgar Road's unpredictable, relaid pitch had the last word vesterday and, more often than not, it was "goodbye". By mid afternoon, under a hot sun, the ball was going through the top with some frequency as Surrey closed in on an important Championship win.

Not that it was straightforward. It took some time for the penny to drop for Surrey's attack that they were bowling the wrong length for these conditions and Lancashire found themselves passing 170 with only one wicket down. They had been set a target, strictly no-tional on this pitch, of 509, seven more than any side have ever made to win a Championship game. But, for a brief time, the locals were able to dream that this resort might be famous for something more than its flower show and as a haven for the natterjack toad.

Surrey's opening salvo with

Titchard one of those unsure but valuable journeymen of the game, might have felt it was not going to be his day when (to the mirth of his team-mates) he was asked for his admission ticket by a gateman who failed to recognise him. However, he was quick to recognise the half volleys and put them away with great fluency until he was bowled playing across the line. By then, Brendon Julian and

Martin Bicknell had started to dig the ball in just short of a length and, unsurprisingly, batting started to look decidedly hazardous once more.

This could be said to be a pitch which not only gets batsmen out but also finds them out. Not Gallian. He had started the day by yorking Julian and taking six wickets for the first time. Now he battled it out for some three hours, taking all sorts of blows, until he was caught off a world-weary stroke. The rest was more pre-

dictable. Nick Speak was torpedoed by a ball from Joey Benjamin that removed his middle stump; Neil Fairbrother, facing a king pair, only just avoided it before his lack of footwork betrayed him; Graham the new ball was too wide and Lloyd threw the bat at every too full, and Jason Gallian and thing, including eventually a Steve Titchard found them- very wide one as Lancashire selves able to operate on the went down with all guns blazfront foot with a certainty not ing, or at least as loudly as they possible in the first innings. could on this pitch.

McCague has the last word

MICHAEL AUSTIN

reports from Northamoton

Northants 133 and 91-3 Few bowlers border on the un-

of venomous accuracy to exploit Northamptonshire's apparent death wish. They flailed, flashed and perished as if imagining they were defending their lead at the top of the Sunday League, rather than being involved in a four-

playable but Martin McCague

did here. He exploited irregular

bounce with an awesome display

day match. McCague returned 5 for 21 to prompt the followon and another batting struggle in the twilight zone. Northamptonshire have two authentic openers, Alan Ford-ham and Richard Montgomerie.

and four other batsmen, whose calling at present is at No 6. Without the injured Rob Bailey, they have no No 3 and their folly of omitting Mal Love was laid bare. It all suited Kent, handily

placed at joint fifth with Derbyshire. They bowled admirably in both imnings, Tim Wren imposing himself with three post-tea wickets at Northamptonshire sought a distant 183 to avoid an innings defeat.

Min Patel, slow left-arm, had returned 3-46 in the first innings, illustrating the breadth of Kent's attack on a pitch probably enlivened by the afterlunch break for rain. A green, plastic, sausage-

shaped cover was rolled on to protect the square, including the perspiring pitch, and from 73 for 3, only 60 runs were added for the loss of seven wickets. The orthodox covers, lurking on the

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The pounds that Blackpool were prepared to pay for B&B lodgings while the goalkeeper Kenth Welch searched for a house, had he agreed to move from Bristol City. expected to be put up in a hotel like any other footballer. Welch said. "The deal is off,"

old football field, remained behind the advertisement boards. John Emburey, Northamptonshire's chief coach appointed vesterday as assistant to David Lloyd on England's winter tour of Zimbabwe and New Zealand

ourselves well enough. At least Fordham did in the first innings, with only his second Championship half-century of the summer. Kevin Curran chose the alternative method with a flashing blade bringing 45, with 10 fours, from 46 balls.

said: "We are just not applying

Fordham experienced a shooter and then a snorter from McCague, the catch flying to first slip. Montgomerie had been caught off a glove and David Sales yorked by McCague. The middle order and tail came quietly in the team's lowest score of the season.

Trevor Ward swooped to take a low catch at wide mid-off to dismiss David Capel second ball after the follow-on and Northamptonshire still need 92 to prevent an ignominious defeat.

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lied to his keen anticipation and splendid throwing arm enabled him to save a great many runs **Smith stiffens**

Leicestershire

While it is virtually impossible to

find a single redeeming feature

in England's performance in the field over the first two days

at Headingley, they must not be allowed to pass without refer-

ence to the brilliant fielding of

His superb athleticism al-

challenge ROUND-UP

Ben Smith hit a career-best 190 as Leicestershire took a firm grip against Glamorgan at Swansea yesterday. Smith helped the visitors to a commanding 536 and by the close they had reduced Glamorgan to 133 for 6 - still 254 runs short of their follow-on target.

The 24-year-old baisman extended his overnight fourthwicket partnership with Phil Simmons to exactly 200 in 50 overs before Simmons was superbly caught by Matthew May-nard off Robert Croft for 92. Smith had been at the crease for just over seven hours, hitting 23 boundaries from 328 balls, when he skied a drive against Securid day of four, 11.0 today

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Lebes Tony Cottey, allowing the bowler time to take the catch.

Peter Such bowied Essex into a winning position as Somerset were forced to follow on at Taunton. The off-spinner collected 6 for 63 to help bowl out the home side for 246 in reply to the Essex score of 465, in which Graham Gooch had contributed 201. Only the acting skipper Peter Bowler, with a solid 88, showed much resistance as Somerset collapsed from 195 for 3. By the close they had reached seven without loss.

during the Pakistan innings as withering square cut which Hushe threw himself this way and that, mostly in the covers.

It was a brilliant piece of fielding by Hussain which contributed to ljaz Ahmed's dismissal on the first day, although it happened seven overs before he was out. Ijaz had been marooned on 132 for some while, partly because he could not beat the field and partly because Salim Malik, his partner, had most of the strike. When at last Ijaz came to face Andy Caddick, he played another

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sain somebow cut off at cover as he dived to his left. This brilliant piece of fielding visibly annoyed ljaz who thought he should have had four runs, and in his frustration he became more reckless in his attempt to push the score along but he was still unable to get the ball through the field. Seven overs later he had faced only another 18 balls and was still like a tightly coiled spring. It was then that Dominic Cork bowled

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wide half volley. Ijaz planted his front foot down the pitch on the line of the off stump and flailed wildly at a ball which he could scarcely reach and was caught behind. If that earlier square cut had gone for four, Ijaz may well have kept his composure.

It is in ways like this that oustanding fielders like Hussain have such an important effect on the game. They can also do a great deal to raise the morale of the side, and the other England players must surely have been

CRICKET SCOREBOARD

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uplifted by Hussain's performance. Several had their heads when he ran out two Australian batsmen with direct hits. down and for them Hussain's best efforts must have come as a much-needed shot of adrenalin.

Another by-product of fielding of this class is the superb entertainment value it provides. There is something most compelling about watching Hussain perform his feats, just as there was when watching Clive Lloyd in his early days in the covers or Viv Richards, especially in the 1975 World Cup final at Lord's

and Neil Harvey. Perhaps the best two fielders of them all came from South Africa. Jonty Rhodes in their present side needs no introduction but not everyone will remember Colin Bland from their side in the 1960s. No other fielder had quite the same abd-

Then there was Paul Sheahan

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Resurgent Black focused on enjoyment

There were few smiling British Olympians returning last week from their antics in Atlanta but. amid all the acrimony, inquisitions and general gloom, one well-known athlete was making the Cheshire Cat look depressed.

The man in question is Roger Black, double silver medallist in the 400 metres individual and relay races, and a sportsman who has defied career-threatening ailments virtually non-stop since six months over last winter after he first burst on to the scene back in 1986.

Bumping into him during the last day of the Olympics in the athletes village was a good experience for anyone feeling anything but content with life because, within a few minutes. his infectious mood ensured that you, too, were immediately cheered by the genuine joy and relief on show. If you are a member of the Black family, or a good friend of the 30-year-old, now would be a good time to ask him for a favour, or request an outrageous birthday or early

Christmas present. Inviting me to lunch in the athletes refectory Black, twice a European and Commonwealth champion, as well as a world relay gold and individual silver medallist, was able to clearly define the reasons behind his success in Atlanta.

"The main factor is simple," he said. "I'm healthy, and when you're healthy this business isn't difficult. I've not had a total clean bill of health since 1986. and when you have an injury you focus on it, both in training and healthy, though, you concentrate on just one thing - running."

There is much more to Black's resurgence, however, than this simple explanation. Despite his lan Stafford finds Britain's premier 400m runner is happy to be healthy and delighted with his Olympic silver medals

tened to himself before. "I took accountability for myself, rather than expecting other people to help me," he admitted. "It meant that I was able to make big decisions, like going to Australia for my cartilage operation. "I was able to do this because

I found a way to enjoy my sport again, after a period, certainly during my glandular fever spell three years ago, where I clearly was not. I enjoyed the success when it came, but not the day to-day process of athletics. So I decided to listen to my own motivational speaking and create a psychological situation which was better for Roger Black. "You're always led to believe

that you've got to be really ag-gressive and motivated to suc-ceed, but I realised it wasn't my nature. I need to be focused confident and at peace with myself. I read a lot of psychological books, worked closely with my good friend Sven Ny-lander, the Swedish athlete, and spoke at length with Steve Backley in Tallahassee, who is also a great believer in selftaught psychology. And once my injury had cleared up I was mentally stronger."

You would have got good money on Black even making the British individual team not too long ago, such is the strength of beaten him would have required competition. When you are our one-lap running, let alone a faster run from me, and a miswinning a silver medal. Even Black had his doubts during the winter. "Oh, there's no way I saw myself ending up with an Olympic silver medal back then,"

where he lectures about moti- with Jon Ridgeon to get away ships final in Tokyo. My naturvation, he had clearly never lis- from everything, get out of my natural environment, recover

and to become an athlete again. "It was only at the Olympic trials (when Black beat the best of Britain and set a national record] that I thought I could be on for something. When I walked into the stadium before the Olympic final I was as cool as a cucumber. I put my hand on my heart and couldn't feel it. At one time that would have worried me, but I saw this as confirmation that things would go well."

'Before the Olympic final I put my hand on my heart and couldn't feel it'

Did you see Michael Johnson surging ahead in the distance?

"No, I was completely focused on my own race. Neither was I aware of people behind me. People will keep on telling me: 'If you'd tried to beat Johnson you could have won the gold medal,' but they are wrong.

"Johnson is a phenomenal athlete and for me to bave take by him. I opted to run my own race and not even try to beat him because, if I'd run his race, I would have tied up and been caught on the line, as I did

al instinct was to go with him, but I held myself back.

"If it had been Zurich I would have gone with him and seen whether I could break 44 seconds, but not in an Olympic final, and not when you knew what a silver medal would mean. I just couldn't risk it."

Black's plan almost introduces a whole new psychological theory based on aiming to come second, something for which he has already been criticised. "I know [Du'Aine] Ladejo has had a go at me because I talk in this way. He says I'm happy to be Britain's No 1, while he wants to be the world's No 1. Well, let's become the national champion first.

The point is that I've rewritten a lot of stuff in my head, because the concept of running for second place is perceived as de-featism. I believe that the concept of running the best race you can, accepting the opposition. and knowing that if they make a mistake you will win, is the right mind set in certain circumstances. It also creates a success without actually winning. Success, don't forget, should be personal."

Black was so excited that he spoke at a great rate of knots. Someone said to me on the radio: You must have a tinge of disappointment.' Tinge of disappointment? I've been in this sport for 11 years, and I've just won an Olympic silver medal after three operations and 10 years of injury and illness. You do well if you have one, injuryfree season of success in this experience in corporate speaking, he agreed. "I went to Australia in the 1991 World Champion-sport. How many people can say

that they possess an Olympic silver medal in this world? And, to think, nobody had me down for any kind of medal."

He pauses quickly, and then repeats his indignation at the phrase used on the airwaves. "Tinge of disappointment!"

So, absolutely no bitterness then after a career which has borne much fruit, but could have produced even more had he not been subjected to a horrific list of injuries and illness?

"Absolutely none. I'm grateful for this moment, not butterly looking back. I appreciate it much more at my age too."

And no points proved? "Nope. I've already exceeded my expectations, and I refuse to get caught up in this sporting disease of ultimately never being happy because I'm always striving to do better. My goal is simply to be happy, and by focusing on that it's made me a better athlete.

"You see. I've never needed to be an Olympic champion to be happy. I'm intelligent enough to realise that if your happiness depended on winning an Olympic gold medal then it would depend on something you can't control. All I can control is me. I ran a bloody good race in the final and won a silver medal and, believe me, it's the best thing I've ever done."

Black will race the season out, starting in London tomorrow and then start planning for the World Championships next year, and a crack at a third European title in 1998.

As we bade our farewells, I told him that I had never seen him happier with life. "I've not got a worry in the world," he replied. "It's absolutely wonderful. Fantastic. It's really great." You missed out fabulous



there, Roger, but we get the drift. Roger Black celebrates his individual 400m saver medal at the Olympics Photograph: PA

Christie keen to erase Olympic trauma

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

The grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace tomorrow offers Britain's returning Olympians their traditional opportunity for a "fly-past" - although in some cases the fliers will display the patched-up appearance of those recently under heavy enemy fire.

Linford Christie, making what is said to be his last appearance at Crystal Palace as retirement from international competition looms, will be anxious to leave his old haunt with some good current number of six to four.

memories after his traumatic experiences in the last fortnight.

Disqualified from the 100m final in Atlanta, knocked out of the 200m in the second round and prevented from taking part in the ertheless, the opportunity to see sprint relay after his colleagues dropped the baton, he will be seeking a solid performance at the Performance Games. As of yesterday, fewer than half of the 17,000 tickets had been sold, and Tony Ward, of the British Athle-tic Federation, was talking about the need to reduce domestic meetings next season from the

making

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absence of track and field gold medallists in Atlanta may have been partly to blame for the reduced interest. There is, nevsome of the Britons who came closest to gold in the Centennial Olympics, notably the 400m silver medalist Roger Black. He will run over 300m against his partners in the 400m relay team who also won silver, Iwan

Steve Backley, javelin silver medalist behind Jan Zelezny, will

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Ward acknowledged that the return to his backyard for what is only his fourth competition of the season. The women's javelin will feature Tessa Sanderson, an Olympic finalist at 40, who is taking part in what she insists is her very last competition.

Colin Jackson, beaten into fourth in the Olympic 110m hurdles, will have two chances in the space of two days to redress the balance of his season in meetings with the gold medallist Allen Johnson. Jackson is due to meet the American today in the Monte Carlo grand prix as well as at Crystal Palace.

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Dettori back to Glory

Nash House is back in action today at

Haydock. Richard Edmondson reports

The famous wounded return today. Lanfranco Dettori enjoys his first afternoon meeting since his fractured elbow healed, at Newmarket, while Nash House, the one-time Derby favourite antil he poured pitch over his copybook at York, makes a comeback in the Rose Of Lancaster Stakes at Haydock.

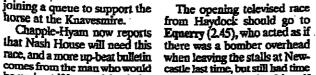
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With the greatest of respect to Frankie the day's spotlight is at Newton-le-Willows, where they have neither the breadth of hillside nor the number of huge white letters to spell out the attraction of the day's Group Three race. The event itself,

though, merits a full auditorium. Nash House was trumpeted as Peter Chapple-Hyam's most formidable weapon before he slithered away in the Dante Stakes in May. The Manton trainer recently told us the colt suffered a serious viral infection before that race, which might have been the sort of information to have on your side before

HAYDOCK 2.45: INTIDAB, who cantered to an effortless two lengths victory over Classic Form in a seven furlogs maiden at Thirsk recently, enters handicaps on a lenien-looking mark and could not to follow and could pay to follow.

3.15: ELA ARISTOKRATI ran an absolute blinder to finish seven lengths fourth to Halling Bijou D'Inde and the subsequent Group One King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes winner, Pentire, in the Group One Eclipse Stakes at Sandown last time out. He takes a drop in class today and will be hard to beat.



that Nash House will need this race, and a more up-beat bulletin comes from the man who would be up-beat if he was lying in into pick himself up, dust himself down and start all over again. tensive care with tubes up his nostrils, Paul Kelleway. "Kelloggs" saddles Glory Of Dancer, who won the Dante before finishing fourth to Shaamit in the Derby. runner sprint handicap that bookmakers exalt. If the fever has taken you the option here may be Youdontsay (3.50), who

The Epsom form may have caused aficionados to fill reservoirs of spittoons, but Glory Of Dancer did at least have the indisputable excuse that he did not last the full journey. The cold pro-duced an unusually flamboyant piece of work under the tutelage of the man from the sick bed this week, and Dettori reported that his steed performed quite thrillingly. Glory Of Dancer (next best 3.15) will be hard to beat.

3.50: CROWDED AVENUE, who was a highly creditable three lengths lifth to Rambling Bear, Hever Golf

Rose, Croft Pool and Cool Jazz in the Group Three King George Stakes over Goodwood's very sharp five furlongs, is well drawn, fairly handicapped and can make his touch of class count.

HYPERION'S

3.65: La Fille De Cirque is ridden by Julia Fielden, probably the most competent of the home-based jockcys here. WILFULL LAD has a good each-way chance if recapturing the form of his Salisbury third in May.

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There is some form of com-

pelling action at Newmarket this

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day tomorrow includes a five-

a-side football competition be-

barely proficient in their chosen

career it will be interesting to

3.35: Papita humbled 14 rivals with a five-length win at Goodwood but a investigation in all coccordination this is a big step up in class. CAT-WALK, a staying-on such to Ovation in a better quality race here could be better vaine.

see how they manage in an alien forum. Whatever the fate of Team Snoot in the round ball They try to extinguish the Cig-game there will be many top ar that has lasted a heck of a Such an eventuality is tantagame there will be many top class animals to visit as 29 of Newmarket's yards throw their gates open for inspection.

Certainly there will be more quality beasts in repose there than at the local July course the previous day. The first meagre offering on display this after-noon is the Dandelion Ladies Invitation Stakes, named after the flower which is known in French as "le pissenlit", and it will take an involuntary act to bet substantially on the race. However, Roseate Lodge (3.05), who has managed to get the stiffness out of his 10-year-old limbs on his two most recent starts, looks better than most.

Papita (3.35) and Yukon Hope (4.40) also have reasonable prospects, while it is about tween jockeys and trainers. As some of the latter struggle to be time the poor old beleaguered supporters of PRINCE BABAR (nap 4.10) got a break.

this tough handicap. They linished fourth and seventh, respectively, on this track in last month's Bunbury Cup-both emerging with bard luck stories after failing to get clear rans. Peter Robinson's mount is certain to get the strong pace that suits him. Green Barries seeks his fourth consecutive win but may now have tisen too far in the handicap.

5.16: NILGIRI HILLS would probably have won at Haydock live weeks ago had he not faltered when be better value.

Life in the face with a whip in the closing stages. Longwick Lad, from a stages. Longwick Lad, from a stage in form, has good each-way prespects at longer odds.

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A five-and-a-half-length third behind Denoing Drop on her introduction at Windsor four weeks ago, PRPITA improved considerably with that experience under her helit to make all and come home by five lengths at Goodwood (6h). Smon Dow's filly should appreciate the extra furing and can get better still. She is fancied to turn around the Windsor numing with Dancing Drop, who was having her fourth outing at the Bertshire track and isn't kiely to show as much improvement as the selection. Liberary, hereprend a furiong out when short-headed by Hizaseh over so furioning of this track two weeks ago, will appreciate the extra furioning and could go close despite being one of only two matders in the fleit. Fernanda looked good in landing her first but paces, at Notingham in May and York the following month but was slowly away and always in amesus when last of seven to Red Camella at Sandown and looks best watched this time. Improvement so the stime oppositance. Lady Mail sprang a 33-1 surprise when gatting up close home to beat Stories To Tell over today's trip at Radcer and there should be further improvement in the daughter of Pursuit of Love.

Selections: PAPITA

Only five try to put out Cigar

long time in California today. Cigar goes for his 17th straight success in the Pacific Classic at Del Mar, which will make him, mathematically, the greatest

Richard Edmondson. Much of the build-up to the Grade One race has included interviews with opposing trainers, asking how they would like to be the moustache-twiddling figure booed off the stage after

mount to fantasy.

Cigar is likely to start as short as a 1-5 shot, despite the fact that his trainer, Bill Mott, continues to grumble about his horse's intermittent hoof probhorse of the 20th century, writes lems. The quest for the 17th and the milestone has been made far easier by the career-ending injury at Del Mar this week of Soul Of The Matter, who ran Cigar so close in the Dubai

World Cup in March.

DEL MAR TONIGHT

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BETTING: 1-5 Cigar, 5-1 Siphon, 8-1 Tinners Way, 12-1 Dramatic Gold, 20-1 Dare and Co, 30-1 Lutidor Fever

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1996: Fort Knox 4 10 5 Mrs Gebreila Menn 10-1 (R Rowell 12 an FORM GUIDE.

Fort Knox, winner of the corresponding race a year ago, defeating Don't Drop Bombs a length and a quarter, goes off a 9th higher rating this time but can still go close. Mark Flower's five-year-old has been showing better form than he had before last season's win. He noticled a Lingflest Equitack best-trick in March and has since made the firane five times. All the same, it should pay to follow MEZZORAMBO, who followed his two-length Leicester victory with a head second to Great Bear at Neucastin – both in amateur events. Awesome Venture, a tough and consistent stryser-old, was also nerrowly besten lest time, going down a neck to stablemane Nashaet (who was on a hat-trick) at Yarmouth. Audiery Grace isn't the most consistent of fisses but comes into the rectioning on her third (dead-heat with Nunsharps) to Winsome Wooster and Zelda Zonk at Salisbury nine days ago while recent Yarmouth setter witner Balapare and Roseate Lodge are others to consider. Selections MEZZORAMBO

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NELCHRI HILLS, placed in his tive races lest season, including three seconds, and a narrowly beaten third (primoted to second) behind the older Med O'Canne in a hundrop at Hay-dock last time, can gain a well earned first success. Yokon Hope is one to fear following her running-on debut third of 16 to Highland Rhapsody at Salisbury last week. — Longwick Lad and Octavia Hill fifth and 12th. Chalk Dest drops down in distance after being teet.

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NEWMARKET 2.00 National Treasure 2.30 Ortolan 3.05 Wilfull Lad 3.35 Catwalk

4.10 PPLAR PRINCE (nap) 4.40 Nilgiri Hills 5.10 Billy Bushwacker

GOING: Good to Firm. STALLS: 1m2f & 1m4f - stands' side; remainder - far side. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None. DRAW ADVANTAGE: None.

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Course is SW of town on A1304. Bus link from Newmarket rail station (served by London, King's Cross). ADMISSION: Camb £14 (16 to 25-year-olds £10); Grandstand & Paddock £10 (16 to 25-year-olds £5); Farmly Enclosure £3. CAR PARK: Members £1; rest free.

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ELADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: J Gosden — 55 winners from 368 runners gives a success ratio of 14.9% and a loss to a \$1 level stake of £68.16; E Hannon — 48 winners, 568 runners, 8.6%, \$242.25; L Camani — 34 winners, 281 runners, 12.1%, \$118.38; J Danlop — 30 winners, 284 runners, 10.6%, \$114.64.

ERABING JOCKETS: Pat Eddery — 118 winners, 520 rides, 22.7%, \$5.81; L Dettor! — 75 winners, 519 rides, 14.5%, \$128.64; W Carson — 55 winners, 492 rides, 11.2%, \$73.57; T Quibn. — 38 winners, 343 rides, 11.1%, \$10.00; DETTOR OF THAIR Fernands (3.35). WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATH: Mountagate (4.10) won at Thirsk on Saturday; Ortolas (2.30) won here on Saturday; Rosente Lodge (3.05) won at Hamilton on Saturday; Corolas (2.30) won at Hamilton on Saturday; Balpare (3.05) won at Hamilton in Thursday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNERS: Angus-6 (5.10) & Billy Bushwacker (6.10) have been sent 200 miles by Mrs M Beveley from Lingdale, Cleveland.

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HYPERION

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4.35 Cutthroat Kid GOING: Good DEAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 51 & 61. STALLE: Straight course. For side; round course - onside.

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The improving Newmarket three-year-olds INTIDAS and Eliail Eliank will come much of The improving Newmarket three-year-olds INTIDAB and Elinit Elimits will comer much of the betting interest, but are difficult to weight up. They are babies in terms of expenence, but they may not be too overward in a field of only rune for a handcap that is not what it was. When Side Track won in 1980, the prize money was more than it is today, 16 years on Luca Cuman's experies with inter-year old handcappers means the tweer reced Elimi Elimah must be feared, but the Kempton maiden in which he was second on his debut does not represent strong form. He won costs of Apr List, month, but beet lettle, includes a clearfulla separation of the modeln mails at Thrask (77). The form of last session's York than to Red Robbo and Session suggests he might have what it takes given that he will improve for today's trip of a male. Neutradian has been unable to make an impact in two good handcaps since a maiden win at Robon in June, but he can't be ruled out of this. It Welta is the other three-year-old and she handly inspires confidence after this season's two discags since a majorn win at logon in June, but no cart be ruse out or the above as the other three-year-old and she handly inspires confidence after this season's two disappointmens. Pick of the older bigade on some form is Tentium, but he was reportedly wrong in his breathing in the Magnet Cup at York last time. Queene Queene is gome and Equienty has improved, so they are preferred to Options Open in view of his latest two runs being below par. Blazzo Of Song was concoding 9th when a one-paced second to Freequent over the Leicester mile in May, so he could have a good run in him, especially if the ground eases.

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3.15 ROSE OF LANCASTER STAKES (CLASS A) [BBC1] (Group 3) £32,000 added 1m 2f 120yds

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5	21-2	GLORY OF DANCER (48) (D) (Artono Batarro) P Kelenay 3 9 0 Pet Eddary 2 11
6	156022	ACHARRE (27) (Parest Racing) C Britain 3 8 7
7	14	NASH HOUSE (87) (BP) (La Weinstock/Exors S Weinstock) P C Hyam 3 8 7 J Raid 5 11
8	2-43436	WEET-A-NOVELTE (29) (Ed Westman Hautage) R Hotaschend 3 8 7

FORM GUIDE

NASH HOUSE has a vocaferous fan club in Lambourn and it potentially smart, even if his Derby trad run in the Dente Stalles at York in May turned out to be a disaster. He was Even so, the way he crussed up to the leaders halfway up the straight created a strong impression, even if the race was run at a felse gallop. He won as he liked at Newbury manders in April, halfwing the prediction of work-watchers, but thist race was several rungs below today's test. He strikes as the type to go well fresh but it is possible both he and discry of Dancer (first run since his Derby fourth) will be unlierable to race-if opponents. The foct that Glory Of Dancer was only two and a half lengths sheed of Nesh House at York suggests there is little between them, but Glory Of Dancer is much more the proven horse and this extended ten furlongs tooks sport-on for him. West-A-Milaute seems against it, but the others are all simert and there is a lot to like about Key, To lifty Heart who will expose any fitness or ability flaws in the opposition. He has had five weeks to freshen up, which is just the inclust, and this winner of the 1994 Yorkinier Cup has recently taken the Old Newton Cup on this course. Ela-Aristotrad has joined Luca Currant from Michael Stoute and won a very valuable Epsorn handkap on his first run for his new stable. He followed up with an honourable fourth in the Eclipse and is preferred to Tammyay. Achierne and Capitain Horatism.

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[3.50	CORAL HANDICAP (CLASS C) £20,000 added 5f	BBC1
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5	005200	TADED (5) (D) (J R Good) M Johnston 3 9 3	Tate :
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7	126310	SEA-DEER (5) (D) (Chrising Matters List) C Dayer 7 9 2	C Dever
8		RUSHCUTTER BAY (6) (D) (Freesure Seekers) T Clement 3 9 1	
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11		SHANGHAI GIRL (18) (BF) (Natic See D Loder 3 8 13	
12		BOLLEN HARRY (40) (D) (Sir Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 4 8 10	
13		YOUDONTSAY (10) (D) (form Nichols) T Navition 4 8 10	
14		PASSIDER TRADER (14) (D) (Mrs H M Carl) Mrs J Ramsten 5 8 7	
15	135110	CANOVAS HEART (35) (D) (M J Osborne and Mrs J Woods) Bob Jones 7	85 N Day :
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17		MOUSEHOLE (8) (D) (Mrs. Jonet Kent) R Guest 4 8 3	
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CROWDED AVENUE is still being asked a question by the handicapper, but he did win
the times lost year and he was a staying-on tith to Rambing Bear in the Group Three
King George Stakes at Goodwood lest time. There is no boute that has retained at his
ability from less year and there must be a realistic chance of convections finding a Listed or Group Three race for him in due course. He is drawn close to the stands rail and
will get the fast pace that suds him. He nico has a good target to aim at in the shape of
Lamel Delight who much deserved his recent Newcastle win after good runs at Dorcaster and York when placed in handicaps which feotured several key mais here. Lourel
Delight could have a cracking slot in draw 2.1 although the low-drawn runners will have a
say if the ground returns some bounce. Sea-Deer is an honest handicapper with an eachway chance, while the handicapper is finding it had to keep Labs on Tedburrow whose
first wan (1994) was in a Musselburgh chamer. Lourd High Admirial has won three times
first wan (1994) was in a Musselburgh chamer. Lourd High Admirial has won three times
here, but younger horses like Lago Di Varane, Youdonbury, Jacosa and Mouseholes scorn
more likely to take a hand and the pick of the quartet could be Youdonbury, who is worth
a saver as one of the better prospects among those drawn low and is worth bearing an
mind when put over an furlongs, too.

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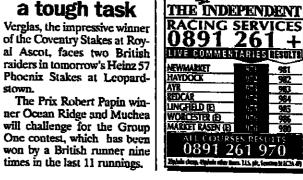
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Verglas faces

a tough task Verglas, the impressive winner of the Coventry Stakes at Roy-

al Ascot, faces two British raiders in tomorrow's Heinz 57 Phoenix Stakes at Leopard-The Prix Robert Papin winner Ocean Ridge and Muchea will challenge for the Group

times in the last 11 runnings.



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CHARITY SHIELD: Double winners back at Wembley

Shearer ensures global interest

Alan Shearer and the Toon Army are in disagreement. As far as Shearer is concerned, tomorrow's FA Charity Shield is an irrelevance compared to next week's Premiership opener at Goodison Park.

Tell that to the Newcastle supporters. They were looking forward to this match even before Shearer came home. It is 20 years since they have been to Wembley, long enough to persuade many to cheer Manchester United's double because it meant Newcastle, as Premiership runners-up, would contest the Shield.

Newcastle's last Wembley memory does not quite date back as far as lace-up balls and waxed moustaches, but it was in the days when the Football League Cup was unsponsored and Manchester City won trophies - they won that 1976 final through Dennis Tueart's spectacular overhead kick. Newcastle's last Wembley win was in lace-up times, 1955, when Jackie Milburn scored in the 3-1 FA Cup win over Manchester City.

It is the arrival of Milburn's latest successor, Shearer, which has lifted this match out of a private Novocastrian party to an international event. Manchester United may be so blasé about Wembley as to request less than a full ticket allocation but the rest of us want to see how Shearer settles in.

The player himself expects goals to be harder to come by.
With due respect to the lads at Blackburn it was my job to get the goals there," he said. "Here at Newcastle we have so many other players capable of scoring I might struggle to get anywhere near the 30-mark."

Who he plays with will be almost as interesting as how he plays. Les Ferdinand missed last night's match at Lincoln with flu but he is expected to start if fit. That could mean both Peter Beardsley and Faustino Asprilla beginning the season on the bench. It is unlikely that the latter, at least, will be prepared to stay there for long.

Newcastle have a point to prove in the traditional opener to the English season. **Glenn Moore** reports

Philippe Albert, who has a back injury, is Newcastle's only other doubt although Robbie Elliott has been left out following his transfer talks with Black-

Such is the fuss surrounding Shearer it is almost forgotten that the champions have been busy in the transfer market signing a clutch of foreigners. They include one of the stars of Euro 96, the Czech Karel Poborsky.

and Johan Cruyff's son, Jordi. They should all be on the bench tomorrow as Ferguson hinted that he would start this season with most of the team which finished the last. Paul Scholes is expected to replace Andy Cole, who has pneumonia, while Gary Neville may come into defence.

Ferguson warned that no one would retain their place all season. "I never use the term dropping players, but you have got to ease them in and out very carefully with a programme like the one we face.

"Bryan Robson, when he was here, wanted to play in every match but it's just not possible. He used to argue with me but, looking back, I think he knows I was right. It is something that Jordi Cruyff already knows. The Premier League is just too hard and physical for players to play every game.

Our intention is to go for

everything this season. The European Champions' Cup is the pinnacle but we aim to stay near enough the top of the league to make that a realistic aim in the last couple of weeks as well."

The FA Cup final winner, Eric Cantona, missed last season's Charity Shield - he was still banned - but has done well in the past. He scored one of the goals which beat Blackburn in 1994 and struck a stunning er Shearer's big toe.

Liverpool two years earlier.

That fixture echoed the first Wembley Charity Shield in 1974. That meeting was made infamous by a fight between Kevin Keegan and Billy Bremner. Keegan, who threw off his shirt upon the inevitable dismissal, was reminded of it this week when he said "these fixtures are just friendlies".

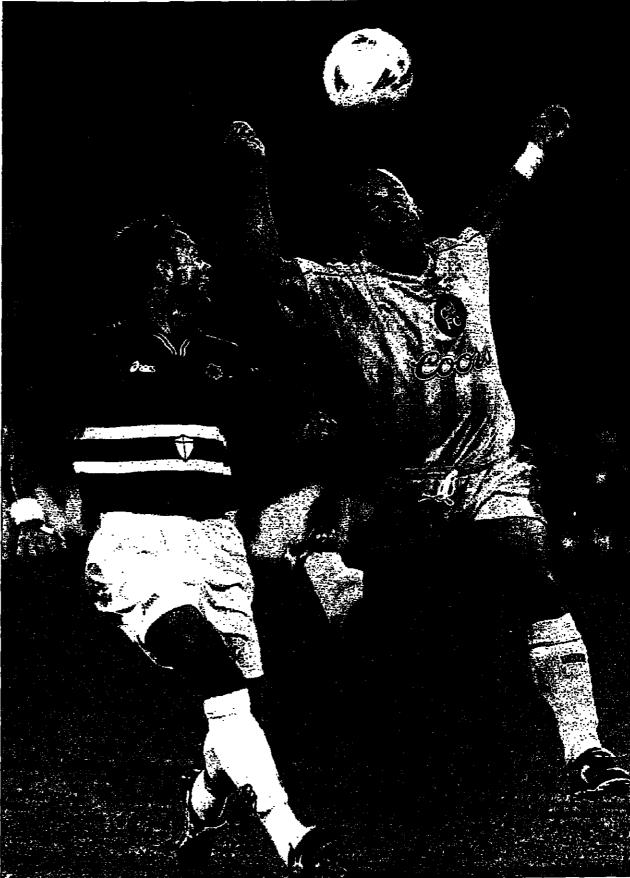
"Not too friendly that day, he agreed. Neither was last year's snarling scrap between Everton and Blackburn. This should be played in a

better spirit though there is more at stake than just pride. Newcastle need a good performance. They have not beaten Manchester United in six matches since returning to the Premiership. As the champions showed last spring, when it comes down to the wire belief can tip the balance. Manchester United have fea-

tured in 15 Shields, winning eight, including the first in 1908, and sharing four, Newcastle have lost four - including a 4-2 defeat to Manchester United in 1952 - and won once, in 1909, against Northampton.

In those days the match was between the winners of the Football League and the Southern League. It has come a long way since then, and raised millions of pounds for charity. Last year, which was poorly attended, raised £273,000. The 40-plus beneficiaries included the Birmingham Royal Institute for the Blind, Turning Point and the Police Benevolent fund. This is the most public of many

charitable works by footballers and football clubs and the benefits will be gratefully received Even so, given the game's current wealth, consideration should be given to turning over all the expected £1.2m receipts to charity. Only a third is passed on, Wernbley (for whom charity always begins at home) take their customary third and the teams share a similar sum. In Newcastle's case, that should just about cov-



Gianluca Vialli, Chelsea's Italian striker (right), tussles with Sampdoria's Sinlsa Mihajlovic in night, Vialli scored the opening goal after 17 minutes in Chelsea's 2-1 win over their hosts

Poles stung by Welsh courage

They were still not quite sure yesterday in the tiny mid-Wales village of Llansantffraid-ym-Mechain whether their No 1 European football here was a plumber, a bricklayer or a nightclub houncer.

What they did know was that the local part-timers from the League of Wales have every chance of writing a chapter of football folklore when they lly out in two weeks' time for the second leg of their European Cup-Winners' Cup qualifying round tie against Ruch Chorzow, who have won the Polish

League 14 times. Llansantfiraid's collection of £30-a-week footballers held Chorzow to a 1-1 draw at the Racecourse Ground. Wrexham. on Thursday. Seven minutes from the end of a game in which the Poles promised to scrape through to a narrow victory by virtue of Dariusz Gesion's early header, the ball appeared - as if by magic - in the back of the Polish team's net.

Most of the 1,558 crowd who had left the tiny village near Oswestry deserted for the day believed big centre-half Arwel Jones - a plumber by day - had applied the crucial tinishing touch in the 83rd minute, but the Icelandic referee ruled it was an own goal by Gesior.

Graham Breeze, Llansantffraid's manager and the local newspaper editor said: "We will go to Poland in two weeks' time with all guns blazing for the second leg. After this, I certainly can't see why we won't get a

"We are obviously up against a much better team. They are quicker and sharper than us, and when we went a goal down so early I feared the worst. But our boys just rolled up their sleeves and kept battling. And what happened shows what you can do if you really want it."

It will cost Llansantffraid (population of 954 at the last count) between £7.000 and £8,000 to get to Poland to face a crowd of 20,000. But with a 💰 Uefa grant and the takings from last night's crowd, they will,

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■ We are skint. We are

have no sponsorship and we are selling the gear to have a night out. There is nothing wrong with that after four years' hard training. Two of Britain's Olympic divers, Tony Ali and Robert Morgan, justify selling their team kit on the streets of Atlanta. ■ The championship is over I want to die. Diego Maradona after missing

penalty, playing for Boca Juniors against Racing When I go there will be an enormous gaping hole

that won't be filled. Linford Christie complains about lack of government funding for his sport. I'll always be a sheet

his fifth consecutive Club. Boca lost 1-0.

metal worker's son from Newcastle, Alan Shearer introduces himself to the adoring Geordie public.

Nine on the mind of the Old Firm Plymouth sign

David McKinney

asks: Is there life

Only in Glasgow would hundreds of people stand for hours staring at bricks. The Scottish rest that the big two might nev-League season, which kicks off today, started several weeks ago for some supporters of Celtic and Rangers: those fanatics er eight combined and, given who daily stand and stare at Celtic Park and Ibrox waiting can only continue to prosper. for a glimpse of the heroes in whom they will invest their emotional well-being over the

next 10 months. This season, the equation is dominated by the number nine as Rangers attempt to equal Celtic's record nine-in-a-row run of the 1960s and 70s. Celtic, equally, are determined to preserve their achievement.

The fans have iammed newspaper phone lines praising their favourites or sneering at the enemy, their reaction giving an indication that this will be, for the big two, an intense season.

The best way, some would say the only way, to assess the kind of campaign that awaits is to look to the turf accountants. Their figures have Rangers as favourites at 2-5 for the title, with Celtic a close second at 2-

The annual report on the fi-nances of Scottish football. published this week by Price Waterhouse, shows Celtic and Rangers moving further away

er be caught again. Between them the Glasgow clubs boast almost as many seats as the oththeir commercial bases, they

Despite evidence to the contrary, which includes league records last season of Rangers and Celtic losing just seven games between them, Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, believes his side faces a tough time, however.

"It may be a case this year that there will be extra nerves and we have to handle a bit more pressure than would normally be there. The indica-

beyond Rangers and Celtic? tions were that Celtic and ourselves were well ahead of the

others, but no two seasons are the same. Hearts and Aberdeen had excellent European results in the week, indicating they could be up for the challenge. Rangers and Celtic have to maintain the standards they set last year, but that could be

"I hope the nine-in-a-row doesn't prey on the minds of my players, yet it's something we want to use as a form of moti-

vation, although we have to know exactly what this means, watch we don't get too carried and we are as determined as the

On the other side of the city, Tommy Burns, the Celtic manager, who has brought in Paolo Di Canio and Alan Stubbs for the challenges ahead, has told the Celtic fans exactly what they wanted to hear. Before his club's friendly with Arsenal last week, Burns, addressing 47,000 supporters, told them:
"We will give until it hurts."

Burns, imbued with a sense of the club's history, is well aware of the importance of this season, as is Peter Grant, the midfield veteran, who assured supporters that the players will do everything in their power to win the Championship. We

record stays intact.' Beyond the Old Firm spot-

light, the prospects for the other eight clubs would appear to involve little more than the chance of a good cup run, although Hearts have made reasonable strides towards becoming more competitive by the signing of three players, including Jeremy Goss from Norwich. Aberdeen, who can be expected to contest third place with Hearts, know they will have to improve on last season, when they finished 28 points behind Celtic. Ilian Kiri-

tional, will be their key man for the season. The future will inevitably demand that Rangers and Celtic seek out new frontiers, such as a British League, and, given the increased fiscal pressures on all clubs, such a move could come sooner rather than

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In the meantime if you feel particularly brave or foolish, a bet on Dunfermline, Kilmarnock or Raith Rovers to win the title would give a 500-1 return - the same price as confirmation of the existence of the Loch Ness Monster...

Grobbelaar

Bruce Grobbelaar, who is due to appear in court in January over match-fixing allegations, has joined Plymouth Argyle. writes Mark Burton.

The 38-year-old Zimbabwe international, who was released by Southampton this summer, has signed a 12-month contract. Grobbelaar, who made more than 600 appearances for Liverpool, will play for the newly promoted Second Division club against Manchester City in today's friendly match at Home

Argyle's manager, Neil Warnock, was keen to sign him for what he expects to be a difficult season for Plymouth. "I realise he has got problems but what matters most is what he does on the pitch," Warnock said.
The problem the Leeds Unit-

ed manager, Howard Wilkinson, faces is that Tony Yeboah will not be doing anything on the pitch for a while. The Ghanaian international striker will undergo an exploratory operation early next week on the knee injury that kept him out of action late last season. "It is not possible to say how many games Tony will miss," Wilkinson said. Motherwell's Paul Lambert

Scottish export yesterday when he joined the German champions, Borussia Dortmund, on a three-year contract after impressing their coach, Ottmar Hitzfeld, in two trial periods. Lambert left the Premier Division club on freedom of contract to move to the Continent.

became another post-Bosman

Ivano Bonetti, the former Juventus and Torino midfielder. whose dressing-room row with the manager, Brian Laws, led to him leaving Grimsby Town, has signed a 12-month contract with Tranmere Rovers after weeks of talks.

The Wolves manager, Mark McGhee, expects right-back Serge Romano to sign a oneyear contract at Molineux on Monday. Romano, who is available on a free transfer from Martigues, played on trial in

Wolves' pre-season matches. The Liverpool defender Neil Ruddock has been fined £2.000 by the FA's disciplinary committee and warned about his future conduct for exceeding 45 disciplinary points last season. Aimé Jacquet, who coached France in Euro 96, will continue to lead them in the 1998 World Cup finals, which they bost.

Like a good wine, or Gordon Strachan, Rothmans seems to get better with age, but it is not always in demand for reasons you might expect

This close season has been the closest ever. The curtain has been down iust 41 days on Euro 96 and we are already gearing up for the "curtain raiser to the new season", as the billing of tomorrow's Charity Shield reads. However, as those of us who earn our grubby shilling writing about the beautiful game will tell you, the real curtain raiser to every new season is the launch of the Rothmans Football Yearbook, now in

its 27th edition. Like a good wine, or Gordon Strachan, Rodimans seems to get better with age (last year it sold 37,000 copies and was on the best-seller list for six months), but it is not always in demand for the reasons you might expect. Charlie Buchan, then a football reporter on The Guardian. recalls this tale from his trip to Simferopol in March 1982 for the first leg of Aston Villa's European Cup tie with Dynamo Kiev (it was too cold in the Crimea to stage the game). "We were having a shot of copy of Rothmans. The simple truth vodka in a local bar before the game is that they thought Buchan was giv-

and the owner was muttering to us. The Russians on the next table explained, in perfect English, that she was asking us not to smoke. It transpired this Russian had been living in Bolton and he ended up acting as our tour guide."

After the game (a 0-0 draw; Villa won the second leg 2-0 and went on to win the trophy) Buchan decided to thank the Russian for his hospitality by giving him a copy of Rothmans. "We met in nearby park locals were not allowed in tourist hotels] and, as I was handing the book over, three policeman jumped out of the bushes and arrested him. The following day he contacted me to explain they had confiscated the book, before abandoning him at the opposite end of the city where there

was no public transport." It would be nice to think it was the Simferopol coppers' love of football that forced them to take such drastic measures to obtain a

Which, in a sense, he was. Because Rothmans is the football bible. In fact I would go so far to say that those in the trade swear by it, use it - as Jim Rosenthal put it at the launch on Thursday - "as a friend and an ally in times of need" (that is lack of knowledge). In fact I bleat "Where's the Rothmans?" so frequently during the season and find it is being used so often, that within weeks of each edition's launch, it has grown dog-cared and wellworn, its loose pages put back at ran-

dom so that Port Vale's statistics

appear next to Burnley's, or Oxford's

ing the Russian a copy of the bible.

fixtures end up next to Crewe's. Such defacements seldom detract from Rothmans' appeal, however, even if some people do find strange uses for their copies. When I first met Walter Smith, the Rangers manager was dipping chunks of bread into a bowl of bright red tomato soup (a rather meagre meal given the grandiose surroundings of his Ibrox office) which was balanced Olivia Blair



ON SATURDAY

precariously on top of a copy of Rothmans. It was not his usual use for the book, he assured me; like most managers Smith would not be without it (although he obviously didn't spend his summer scouring the players listed in Rodumans, judg-ing by Ibrox's latest recruits). David Pleat's use for the book is more bahave a headache. I read Rothmans." John Motson is a man with a

greater need for Rothmans than most. In fact Motty was recently photographed for a newspaper article clad in trademark sheepskin jacket, clutching a copy of Rothmans. "It sums up what I think of the book." says the nearest thing to a human equivalent of Rotumans. "It's the first book I turn to; there's nothing else like it. It's a great compliment that others have tried to imitate it, and

The BBC commentator boasts two complete sets of Rothmans, worth between £250-£300 each at today's prices. The most expensive and desirable edition is the first, which fetches up to £70; other editions in demand (1972/73, 1974/75 and 1977/78) sell for anything between £20 and £40. John Eastwood of the Extra Cover bookshop in London, NW5, says he recently sold a comsic: "If my wife has a headache," the Sheffield Wednesday manager says, "she'll take a pill. If I writer" and another to a Chinese

"Peking's only British-speaking com-Not even Rothmans' executive ed-

itor, Jack Rollin, who has worked on editions on a lone typewriter; now he says he could not do it alone. He and his editor daughter, Glenda (a lifelong fan of the Icis League Division One side Aldershot Town, sadly not granted much space in othmans) started work on the 28th edition three weeks before the 27th was even printed. "If you get behind, you're finished," Rollin admits. "From May onwards we work seven days a week.

It is bang up-to-date, too. Alan Shearer's transfer, which took place three days before the edition was published, is included.

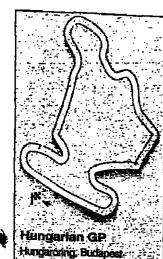
Generally each addition adheres to a tried and trusted format. When Rollin rang the changes last year by putting the players in an A-Z directory after the club listings, there football...

man who introduced himself as was an outcry. "We've never had such a huge response over anything before. The chairman of one First Division club rang me and said we'd lose the support of the industry (that the books since 1972, owns a com-plete set. Rollin first produced the players so we couldn't have fallen too far from grace). I thought people who bought the book loved football generally, but it appears that most of them are just interested in reading about their club. Football has always been resistant to change, and Rothmans is no exception."

But as we start a new season, in which we have to get used to the Endsleigh Football League being Nationwide, and put up with Littlewoods being stuck in front of anything that used to be sacrosunct in the game, it is nice to know that one thing about Rothmans is never likely to change: its name. Few people ask to buy a copy of the Rothmans Football Yearbook, they simply ask for Rothmans. Anything else just isn't

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Williams prepare for constructors' crown Salford close



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Motor racing

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Budapest

The Ferrari was out in front unchallenged for much of yesterday's session, but the Williams closed in and ultimately edged ahead. The history of the grand prix world championship had been encapsulated in one hour's

Tomorrow's Hungarian Grand Prix should confirm Williams' eighth constructors' championship, equalling Ferrari's record. That the Italian team have been there since the first season, 46 years ago, and the British half that time, morally tilts the balance in Williams'

Williams-Renault require only two points to retrieve the crown from Benetton-Renault and since Damon Hill and Jacques Villeneuve, first and second in the drivers' championship, were first and third yesterday, it is reasonable to assume only breakdowns would prevent their getting them. When Hill moved ahead of

bitious racing freak called Patrick Head, whose particular talent was designing cars.
The pair have been together Michael Schumacher by 0.022sec, watching and savourever since and, like most team ing, as usual, from his wheelchair was Frank Williams, the men, they glean greater satisman who abandoned a career faction from success in the conas a quick yet erratic driver to structors' championship than in set up his own team. His strugthe drivers' category. Williams, in particular, has always laid

way to Ferrari's landmark. "I'll

said yesterday. He was per-

in 1977, by an equally gifted, am-

part of motor racing folklore: stress on the contribution of his when his telephone line was cut engineers and designers, and did so again yesterday, possibly a timely reminder as Hill enoff, he ran the business from a deavours to negotiate a new Williams expressed surprise that he had "bumbled" all the

contract. Williams said: "I'm not here for the driver's benefit. I'm have a drink of tea on that," he here to enjoy myself and keep up my living. Drivers come and haps luckiest of all to be joined, go but the team, hopefully, are here forever." Williams has been confined

to a wheelchair since a road accident, 10 years ago, but never relinquished his hold on team affairs. Some have suggested the disability threw his attention to

the job into even sharper focus.
"I've not been aware of that," he said. "The accident was a bit knee. You get up, dust yourself down and start again."

Here, on this tight, twisting circuit, where overtaking is well nigh impossible, Schumacher, the reigning champion, just might have a chance. If he can make the front row of the grid, if he can start well, if he can get to the first corner in front If....

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to realising Super dream

Rugby League

Andy Gregory and his Salford Reds are set to realise their Super League dream. They need ust one point from their last three games to make sure of an-other First Division championship, and they will do that tomorrow if they avoid defeat at home to the second-placed

Keighley Cougars. While Keighley and several other First Division clubs are applying to be fast-tracked into the top flight, Salford have left no doubt as to their credentials to join the big boys. The Reds finished top of the First Division in the centenary season, but the Rugby Football League had already stated there would be no promotion at the end of that last

winter campaign.
So Salford did not go up and
their coach Gregory, the former
Great Britain stalwart, said: That was possibly one of the biggest disappointments of my career as a player and as a coach. But I couldn't show the players I was upset. When you're a player you can show your emotions but, as a coach, if I was to let my head go down, it would have affected the players as well.

This will make up for that disappointment if we do it this time, and it's in our hands now. I know Keighley will be coming to try to spoil the party, " Gregory added. "I know we've got a bit of rebuilding to do for Super League. I've got to make sure that, once we are in Super League, we'll stay there."

The relegation places from the First Division could also be decided this weekend, with Batley and Rochdale likely to drop.

ground and name as they aim for the Super League next season. The First Division outfit. who seem certain to miss out on the one automatic promotion place, could move in with Burnley FC and play their first-team games at Turf Moor to achieve their dream. If that happened, they would look at the possibility of becoming the Pennine Cougars to coincide with the switch of venues.

Keighley's plan was put to the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, Maurice Lindsay, in a meeting at the sport's headquarters in Leeds. The Cougars chief executive, Kevan Halliday-Brown, confirmed yesterday: "We want to make a submission for fast-tracking, but we are not going to be able to bring this club up to the standard required in 'Framing the Future'.

"That's the initial problem, so as we are unable to secure freehold ownership of this ground here, we have to consider playing our first-team games somewhere else.

"An alternative proposal was put to Maurice Lindsay, sugesting that we retain Cougar Park as our administrative headquarters and develop it as a sort of centre of excellence for youth development. We would play Ateam and Academy games here. with our Super League games being played at an alternative venue, possibly Turf Moor.

Burnley have excellent facilities and, if we can get permission to play our games there. we feel there is a possibility of attracting probably the biggest attendance in Super League.

"The current capacity at Cougar Park falls slightly below the minimum required, which is 10,000, and we've got an old Ambitious Keighley Cougars stand which doesn't provide are considering a change of enough seats or enough cover."

Saints still on the march

Sons of Kentucky playing on pride

It is 44 years since big-time golf came to the Bluegrass State, which is respectively eight and six years before the Kentuckians Kenny Perry and Russ Cochran were born. If the locals of Louisville are enjoying their first glimpse of the Tour for a generation at the US PGA, Perry and Cochran are enjoying the novel experience of playing in front of enthusiastic support.

There were still a couple of hundred people around just before 9pm on Thursday as Perry finished his storm-inter-rupted first round. With dusk falling fast, the hooter to halt play for the evening had already gone as he approached his second shot to the last. "I really didn't want to come out in the morning just to hit one shot."

Perry hit a four-iron into the front bunker, came out to 20 feet and rolled in the putt. The birdiefour equalled the course record of six-under 66 by the Valhalla designer Jack Nicklaus and Larry Mize. "I couldn't see a lot," Per-

meets two locals shining in a state starved of golf

Andy Farrell

ry said. "With my contacts, when it gets overcast and late in the day I struggle to see the ball and I can't read the greens as well. My caddie helped me over the last few holes and at the last I knew broke a lot from left to right. I just picked a spot and wanted to lag it down there. It fell in on the back side of the hole."

Born in Elizabethtown, Perlives in Franklin, a town of 10,000 people around 120 miles south of Louisville, and celebrates his 36th birthday today. A former Kentucky High School student who has won three times on the Tour, Perry designed, built, owns and operates his own course, Country Creek GC, in his home town. He also

holds the course record there. Lane happy with opt-out

play in the Hohe Brucke Aus- than satisfied. trian Open in Litschau, is convinced he made the right decision. Lane shot a six under par 66 yesterday for a two round aggregate of 135 and, 1 played two good rounds, though he is four shots behind which have given me a great the present leader, Spain's Juan deal of confidence."

course to Valhalla. I shot 60 on it one time," Perry said. It is also different getting to

play in a major championship in front of his home fans. "They are living and dying on every shot you hit, and so am I. It's pretty nerve-racking. It's neat to finally get a tournament in Kentucky. You saw how they all turned out for the practice rounds. This state has been starved of golf. To win a major in my own backyard would be the icing on the cake. I'd probably just quit; it wouldn't get any better than that." Cochran agreed with the sen-

timent. After having to go back to the Qualifying School at the end of last year to regain his US Tour card, the left-hander from Puducah only qualified for the US PGA with a second-place finish two weeks ago. Yesterday he started his second round two strokes behind Perry, after the first-round leader added a level-par 72. Perry managed to get to eight under after 10 holes, but slipped back as the putts refused to drop.

"I was right on the deadline for getting in the tournament, so it is nice to be here," Cochran Barry Lane, who pulled out of Pinero, who leads at 13 said. "You try to tell yourself the US PGA Championship to under par on 131, he is more that if you miss it is not much of a big deal; you'll get over it. "I dropped out of the US But once you are here and you see so many friends pulling for you, it makes things a little more special. They don't hit any shots for you, but you put your heart and soul into every shot, and it



Agassi loses temper again

Tennis

The top seed, Pete Sampras, and the Olympic gold medallist, Andre Agassi, have struggled into the quarter-finals of the ATP Tour Championship in Ohio, but the Wimbledon champion, Richard Krajicek, bowed out. Sampras, the world No 1,

saved a match point in the third set before overcoming the Australian Mark Woodforde 6-7, 7-5, 7-6. After also losing a first-set tic-break, Agassi, the world No 7, took control of his match against a qualifier and fellow American Alex O'Brien to win 6-7, 6-3, 6-0. Krajicek, the seventh seed,

fell 7-6, 6-2 to the 10th-seeded Thomas Enqvist of Sweden. the Dutchman enduring problems with his first serve throughout the match. Agassi, criticised for his on-

court behaviour at the Olympics, became infuriated when he ost the opening set, walking to his courtside chair and smashing his racket on the ground. His actions went unpunished by the umpire. "He should have had a point penalty for that, but everyone is afraid of him," O'Brien said. "He can do anything he wants; he's the king. That's just the way it is."

Agassi said he was glad he had lost his temper. "I wanted to win the match. I was trying to get au-gry to get myself back into it again. It was a good mad."

After a see-sawing first set, the top-seeded Monica Seles of the United States took control and defeated the ninth-seeded

7-6 6-1, to move into the quarter-finals of the Canadian Open in Montreal. The No 2 seed Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Snain, received treatment for a strained forearm muscle when leading 3-2 in the first set of her match against the South African, Amanda Coetzer. Sanchez Vicario won 7-5, 6-1.

Amy Frazier of the US, the No 13 seed, surprised by beating the No 8 seed, Mary Pierce of France, 6-3, 6-3, and the sixthseeded Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria won 6-3, 3-2 over Jennifer Capriati, who had to re-

tire with a side strain.

After trailing 3-5 in the first set, Sabatini rallied to a 4-2 lead in the tie-break before going down. The second set, and the match, then fell quickly to Seles.

Lennon imagines more glory

in a good position to defend the

STUART ALEXANDER reports from Cowes

Mike Lennon was yesterday halfway to a fully paid trip to Key West, Florida, in winning the seven-race series for Melges 24s at Cowes Week. The national champion counted four firsts, two seconds and a third to take him to Barcelona in October for the deciding Gold Cup series, where he must beat Italy's Giorgio Zuccoli, the winner of the first qualifier in Kiel, **Germany.**

The American-designed sportsboats have grabbed attention here because there is more than just the Cowes Week glory as a reward for winning. Lennon is relieved not to have

Steve Robinson, the former World Box-

to sail today, when another scored their first maxi win. strong wind is forecast. "This Johnny Caulcutt's Maxipep finyear I was a lot more tense than ished second. last. The class is increasingly at-A fourth placing was enough tractive to top sailors, including Olympic medallists, but the win here also puts me psychologically

national championship at Brixham in a couple of weeks." He expects Barcelona to be equally tough in the race to represent Europe against the Americans in January.
The committee failed to note

down the sportsboat finish, and also having a little difficulty finding the right course was Ludde Ingvall's Nicorette - "a slight clerical error", the navigator said. They sat on Mike Slade's Longobarda, pouring dirty air down on her and forcing her back to third as the Russians

SPORTING DIGEST

Football

Johnny Caulcutt's Maxipep fin-

to give Nicorette the maxi prize for the week overall, but the Class One decider will be between two Bashford-Howison 41s. Glyn Williams made it two in a row yesterday as his Wolf, steered by Matt Humphries, pipped by 59 seconds Jocelyn Waller's Silk 2, steered by Mark Heeley, with Gordon Maguire calling the shots.

Humphries praised the navi-gator Julian Salter for keeping them out of trouble as Silk 2 and Nigel Bramwell's Hawk both went aground off Beaulieu, "It was a very tactical race and we sailed well," said Humphries, the skipper of Dolphin & Youth in the 1993-94 Whitbread.

St Helens arrive unscathed to- Kear feels, following Workingday at the end of a month on the ton Town's defeat by Oldham last road which their coach, Shaun week. "I've had to play a much McRae, always believed would tighter style of rugby, which has make or break their Stones not been in the French tradition. Super League title ambitions, but which has been justified," he said. "Now I can ease up on them and let them off the reins just to

Saints have battled through major tests at London and Castleford with a determination that suggests that this evening's visit to Paris should be well within their compass. "Everyone would think this is the easiest of the four, but that could make it one of the toughest," McRae said,

writes Dave Hadfield.

He will be without Vila Matautia, possibly for the rest of the season, but Alan Hunte is fit to return, making it a straight swap at centre.

It is a mark of McRae's influence at Saints that today's opposing coach, John Kear, regards him as the difference between Paris having a chance of causing an upset and, realis-tically, having none.

"Before Shaun arrived, I would have thought we might have a go at them and get something," Kear said. "But I've studied the videos of the London and Castleford matches, where they really rolled their sleeves up and toughed it out - very un-Saints

"That's the difference this season and why they will prob-ably win the title." The pressure is off Paris,

see what might happen." He will be without one of his Australian colony, Todd Brown, today and possibly another, Danny Smith, but hopes that two of his Frenchmen, Didier Cabestany and Fabien Devecchi, will pass fitness tests.

In today's other match, Warrington - minus the ostracised lestyn Harris - try to regroup for a stab at a top four place with a home game against Castleford. whose coach John Joyner has ended speculation about his future by agreeing a new 12 month contract. Joyner had been linked with the Australian club Western

Kelly Shelford continues in Harris' place at stand-off, with young Wayne Stevens holding his place at prop and Richard Henare returning on the wing. The Great Britain coach,

Phil Larder, has reassured Harris that, despite his troubles with his club, he will be in the tour squad to be named on Tuesday. Struggling Workington Town. the Super League's basement club, are to issue 50,000 new £5 shares in an attempt to pay off pressing debts.

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British brinkmanship kept supporters on the edge of their seats at the World Championships in Motherwell yesterday, as three crews squeezed through the semi-finals while two more failed to qualify for tomorrow's finals. The coxed four seemed set to

give challenge Romania over the first 500m, only to drop away then lose out to France just after midway. They eased down with the line in sight to take the third qualification place.

The lightweight quadruple sculls fell behind at the start and won through to the final from another third-place finish, but only after a massive struggle with the American boat.

The closest call of the day came from the lightweight single sculler, Susan Appleboom, who plans to retire after these championships. Appleboom fell behind when she missed her second stroke at the start and at 800m was lying fourth. Only a final sprint over the final 200 metres brought her through to take take third, and oust Poland from qualification with the line

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

PREMIER DIVISION

Some of the world's top athletes will be in Sarajevo for a solidarity meeting or-ganised by an IAAF delegatation which has travelled to Bosnia to finalise the details. It is scheduled for 9 Septem-ber and is aimed at helping to rebuild

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SECOND TEST: Moin punishes helpless England attack before opener responds with a smooth half-century

Stewart masks the deficiencies

DEREK PRINGLE

reports from Headingley Pakistan 458 England 104-1

There was a markedly better crowd here yesterday, but if those present were hoping for England to make amends for Thursday's limp bowling performance, they were disappointed. Pakistan, already sensing their opponents help-lessness, piled further embar-rassment upon a team already humiliated by a pitch whose ear-ly promise had turned foul.

Having made 448, Pakistan had 22 overs to inflict a mortal wound on England, which, given their usual brittleness when faced with large totals, was more than enough. Yet it did not happen, and just as Headingley's pact with England's bowlers had fallen foul of some aggressive strokeplay, so too did Pakistan's, the stinging retort from Alec Stewart's bat bringing him an unbeaten fifty, off only 57 balls.

It was a commanding knock, as silken as it was swift, following as it did in the wake of Atherton's early departure, caught behind off an inside-edge. If proof was needed that this pitch was always too good not to bat first on, then Stewart, whose eight boundaries covered every shot in the book, was it.

True England's bowlers have been inconsistent and persistently bowled too short, but the pitch now looks as flat as any this summer. Moin Khan was quick to take advantage of that, and his chirpy century was yet another beam of Pakistani sunlight to throw into sharp relief the England captain's decision to field first, which increasingly looks like a last desperate roll of the dice rather than a choice

steeped in logic and reason. Whatever the reasons - protracted, or instant and from the gut - the decision was certainly to Moin's liking as he clipped, cut and stole his way to his century, the first to be made by a Pakistan wicketkeeper against England. It was a fine effort, and one all the more poignant considering that he would not have played had Rashid Latif not inured his back.

Like Ijaz Ahmed, the other century-maker here, Moin has had an intermittent Test career.

Perfect six: Moin Khan drives England's Dominic Cork straight over the boundary ropes on his way to a century at Headingley yesterday

played just 19 Tests. His sporadic appearances including a spell of captaincy during a oneday tournament in Sharjah. Even so, he now has three centuries to his name, a number not bettered by many modern wicket-keepers with far more Tests to their names.

It might never have happened, however, had Alan Mullally not dropped a fairly straightforward catch at long leg when the keeper had eight. And although the damage to England's chances of

down a caught and bowled, they were chances that ought to have been taken.

England's bowling so wholeheartedly poor on Thursday, was better directed yesterday, though it lacked the conviction of those happy and strong enough to shrug off the culpability of the previous day's fiasco. Tellingly, not a wicket was taken in the morning session as Moin and the gritty Asif

Muitaba added 69 runs. Only Cork, still managing to Moin had clobbe 24-year-old from Karachi has by the time Dominic Cork put him straight for a six, looked

hungry for wickets, despite the idignity of having Jack Russell stand up to him behind the stumps. In the end he took three of the four wickets to fall, managing to finish with the third five-wicket haul of his career.

Unfortunately for England, his fellow bowlers appeared intent on reining back, sensing a draw to be the best result they could hope for. Chris Lewis, having bowled well against India, started well, beating Moin twice in his first over, but if the puerile suggestion of a good public school flogging aired in one of the broadsheets was an eat of the bat. early motivation, he soon lapsed back into a familiar failing here, so often the crucible for vul-

Sachin Tendulkar was appointed

India's captain yesterday, tak-

ing over from Mohammad Az-

haruddin, who was sacked

Tendulkar, 23, will be In-

dia's second-youngest captain

after "Tiger" Mansur Ali Khan

Pataudi, who was made captain

"We felt Azharuddin's per-

formance as captain was not up to the mark for the last couple

at the age of 21.

TIM GLOVER

reports from Louisville,

after seven years in the job.

pitch, which was more than Andy Caddick and Mullally did, the pair settling for a negative line

It was a mildness that allowed Asif to ease his way to a slow fifty, an innings that seemed set in concrete until Graeme Thorpe, unsighted at slip, managed to cling to a hot chestnut of a catch off Cork. Moin followed after tea, edging an attempted cut to Russell, who would have enjoyed the best view of Cork's next dismissal, a brilliant caught and bowled that Wagar Younis

The rowdy Western terrace, by dragging the ball down short.

At least he tried to hit the life, revelling in the bowler's

nath, the chairman of India's se-

Azharuddin recently led In-

dia on their tour of England

when they were beaten 1-0 in

the three-Test series, and he was

also captain when they lost in the semi-finals of the World Cup

played in India, Sri Lanka and

Pakistan earlier this year.

lection committee, said.

lengthy eyeballing of the Pakistani fast bowler, a foolhardy thing to do with your batsmen about to go and face him. When the time came, how-

ever, there was nothing cowed about England's response, Atherton striking a rapid 14, including a back-foot drive off Waqar, whose origins were closer to the Caribbean than Manchester. Sadly it did not last, Wasim Akram finding the inside edge of a diagonal bat.

Happily for England, for whom a draw is the only realistic result, it is a mistake Pakistan have not looked like

county cricket, page 19

- more than any other Indian

captain - but has been troubled

Tendulkar, who made his Test

debut at 16, will make his first

appearance as captain in the

four-nation Singer Cup starting

by poor batting form and pres-

sures in his personal life.

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Headingley

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in Sri Lanka later this month. Azharuddin said he would ex-Azharuddin, 33, led India to tend full support to Tendulkar victory in 11 out of the 37 test if he was retained in the side.

Australia propose England challenge-

Rugby Union DAVID LLEWELLYN

Rugby could cad up with its come soap — home and away have against Australia — according to reports from the Southern Hemisphere, Australia are in quired, under their contract with Channel Seven, in which BSkyB's owner. Rupert Mardoch, has a 15 per cent stake, to play six Tests at home cash season and are proposing and nual home and away matches against England to help them: meet that commitment.

They would want to play England in Sydney or Brisbane in July, and at Twickenham in November, but it remains to be seed. how keen the Rugby Foothers Union will be on introducing a tra fixtures. Last night the RP put a damper on the possibility of England's top clubs setting in a new tournament with Sout Africa's provincial teams.

Peter Wheeler, the Leicestel chief executive and a key figure in the English Professional Rug-by Union Clubs, is due to meet by Union Clurs, is due to mack.
Louis Luyt, the Republic's head of rugby, in South Africa today.
The tournament is though to be on the agenda, but Tony Hallen, the REI League and the R the RFU secretary, said: "At the moment we have a very charge tered season, which has already suffered its first casualty with the postponement of the Anglia Welsh challenge match Twickenham between Bath and Neath. We should be consolidating the fixture list, adding to it.

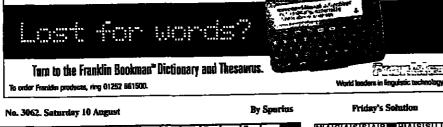
Of his meeting with Ling Wheeler said in a newspaper in terview: "We are going to disof all the uncertainty it is just as well that we find out what other opportunities may exist. He called for a meeting with the RFU as a matter of urgency because he felt there were still a lot of issues to be sorted out.

He had said in the interview that Twickenham had refused provide full insurance cover for England players on interna-tional duty and as a result some clubs were threatening to prevent their players appearing for their country. Hallett refuted that suggestion. "The insurance needs only to be ratified between said. "We have agreed with the clubs a formula of pro rata cover, which means the RFU will pay his insurance for the 38 days when a man is on England duty. The insurance has been complicated by possible loss of earnings, now that we are in a professional game. I talked to Peter Wheeler about this and I believe he was given the full, pro-

he left for South Africa." RFU officials were said to be irritated they had not received a promised letter from the Five 🖫 Nations committee detailing the reaction to their proposals on the broadcasting issue. They were promised it within 48 hours of Tuesday's meeting of the other four members of the committee.

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THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD



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Make the longest word you can from QUIPSHYEL Friday's Scramble: CENEROUS

do's 67 and has since maintained that he did not, in fact, choke on a scale that would have made the Boston Strangler look like an amateur.

Greg Norman was heading for another weekend rendezvous with Nick Faldo as the 78th US PGA Championship at Valhalla went into overtime yesterday. Norman, the world No 1, had a hectic schedule but still managed to appear on the leaderboard at the half-way stage. It has been a frustrating sea-

son in the majors for the Great White Shark: runner-up, of course, to Faldo in the Masters at Augusta National; joint-10th in the US Open and joint-seventh in the Open at Royal Lytham. Neither he nor Faldo have won the US PGA, and in his litary of near-misses the Australian was second in 1986

and runner-up again in 1993. Some defeats are harder to take than others, and the question haunting Norman is whether or not he can recover his nerve after the trauma of his collapse at Augusta in April. Leading by six strokes going into the

final round, he shot 78 to Fal- safely in the clubhouse with a the 10th. However, he came

Yesterday Norman moved into contention again but, just when he threatened to move alongside the leaders, he got hit for six on the back nine. In the first round on Thursday afternoon he had been left high and not so dry by a thunderstorm that halted play for nearly four hours, and was one of 60 players out of 150 that were unable to complete their rounds.

Norman was at one under par after 14 holes and he had to return to the course at 7.20am yesterday and play four holes before returning to the first tee to play the second round. Norman took advantage of conditions that were almost perfect, a breeze replacing the suffocating humidity that had the caddies up in arms about not being able to wear shorts. Norman picked up three birdies in four holes to finish the first round with a 68, four under par and a

69 before the storm broke.

Norman circles familiar waters

Ian Woosnam, who also had to rise early to continue his first round at the 15th, had a six at the 18th after being in a position to share the lead with Phil Mickelson, Kenny Perry and the Fijian Vijay Singh. Woosnam, resuming at five under par, dropped to four under, and in the second round he struggled over the front nine before launching a recovery.

Woosnam had three successive bogeys from the sixth. He missed from six feet to save par at the sixth; drove into the left rough at the seventh before missing the green from 120 yards with his third shot, and at the short eighth he dropped another stroke, missing a five footer. As Norman faltered turning for home, the Welshman retrieved his round with birdies at the 13th and 14th. Norman got to seven under for the championship but dropped a shot at the 12th and a double-bogey six at the 15th put him at four under. along with Woosnam. Perry, a Kentuckian, moved

stroke in front of Faldo, who was to eight under with a birdie at

home in 37 for a 72 that left him on six under. Perry was warned about slow play at the 13th and was told at the 17th that if he did not improve his pace of play he would be penalised a stroke. At the 18th, facing a three-foot putt for a birdie, he hurried the

stroke and missed. Last night the field was re-duced to the leading 70 players and ties, and Colin Montgomerie, the world No 2, was in nger of missing the cut. He had a torrid time on the back nine in the second round and a bogey at the 12th, a double bogey on 15 and another bogey on 16 put him at four over for the championship. At that point he was 12 strokes adrift of Mickelson.

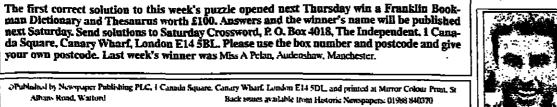
Montgomerie has a poor record in the majors this year. He was joint-39th in the Masters, joint-10th in the US Open and he missed the cut in the Open Championship last month. Another bogey on 17 left him at five over, and for Montgomerie Valhalla looked more like Hades.

The highlight of Singh's second-successive 69 was a hole in one with a 5-iron at the 208-yard

14th. Meanwhile Mickelson, who had a 67 in the first round; had birdies at the 13th and 14th to get to eight under. Norman had to settle for a level-par 72, and another who got to four under was Justin Leonard. The 24year-old Texan, one under after the first round, made a spectacular start to the second with ... a birdie at the first and an ca-gle three at the second hole.

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In Monday's 20-page sport section

There were emotions I could only share with those close to me. but I didn't want people thinking 'poor old Southgate'. All I know is that, however low I felt, the reaction of the rest of the country helped me through it. I received literally thousands of letters, all supportive bar three'

Gareth Southgate talks to Phil Shaw about life after Euro 96 Plus: Glenn Moore at the Charity Shield, Derek Pringle on the Third Test and Derick Alisop on the Hungarian Grand Prix

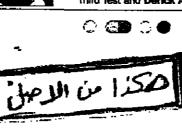


In tomorrow's independent on Sunday

'If you're an ex-player it is difficult to find that same adren-alin surge. For 20 years you have had this buzz, and it's as if it's taken away from you almost overnight. I was tucky because live TV does give you a buzz. Nothing will ever re-place playing and scoring a goal but TV comes very close.

Andy Gray talks to Simon O'Hagan in The Season, a foot-ball preview supplement which appears free tomorrow

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